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STILL TWO MILLIONS SHORT.

TONS OF FREIGHT MOVED TO AND FROM LAKE SUPERIOR TO JULY I OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME DATE A YEAR AGO.

Quite an important gain was made during June in the movement of freight of all kinds to and from Lake Superior. The tons of freight passing through the canals exceeded four and a half millions, and the month was the greatest in the history of Lake Superior commerce, but there is still a shortage for the season to July 1, as compared with July 1 a year ago, of 1,906,561 tons. The figures representing tons of freight are 6,767,120 to July 1, 1901, 8,673,481 to July 1, 1900, and 6,409,086 to July 1, 1899. The shortage in iron ore is, of course, most noticeable, but in coal and wheat there is also a marked decrease. Of soft coal only 982,411 tons passed up through the canals to July 1 this year, as against 1,422,601 tons to July 1 a year ago. On July 1, 1900, 19,145,392 bushels of wheat had passed down from Lake Superior. The total to July 1 of this year is 9,381,344 bushels. As regards flour and grain other than wheat the movement is about the same as it was a year ago. The combined commerce of the two canals, Canadian and United States, is very fully discussed in the following tables:

MOVEMENT OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF FREIGHT TO AND FROM LAKE SUPERIOR.

ITEMS.	To July 1,	To July 1,	To July 1,
	1901.	1900.	1899.
Coal, anthracite, net tons	196,823	229,052	257,319
	982,411	1,422.601	696,227
	4,334,514	5,475,267	3,917,675
	9,381,344	19,145,392	13,698,691
	1,877,341	1,854,894	1,600,361

REPORT OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO AND FROM LAKE SUPERIOR, FROM OPENING OF NAVIGATION TO JULY 1
OF EACH YEAR FOR THREE YEARS PAST.

EAST BOUND.

ITEMS.	Designation.	To July 1, 1901.	To July 1, 1900.	To July 1, 1899.
Copper	Net tons	24,647	42,331	26,135
Grain, other than wheat	Bushels	4,479,685	5,383,774	11,473,996
Building stone	Net tons	10,494	6,408	1,273
Flour	Barrels	1,877,161	1,854,784	1,600,361
Iron ore	Net tons	4,334,514	5,475,267	3,917,675
Iron, pig	Net tons	10,953	4,092	8,949
Lumber	M. ft. b. m.	247,772	250,968	254,754
Silver ore	Net tons			
Wheat	Bushels	9,381,344	19,145,392	13,698,691
Unclassified freight	Net tons	9,388	15,282	48,201
Passengers	Number	6,531	5,077	3,615

WEST BOUND.

Coal, anthracite	Net tons	196,823	229,052	257,319
Coal, bituminous	Net tons	982,411	1,422,601	696,227
Flour	Barrels	180	110	
Grain	Bushels	36,330		9,500
Manufactured iron	Net tons	28,959	46,901	38,295
Salt	Barrels	172,751	94,215	133,287
Unclassified freight	Net tons	139,515	135,285	115,326
Passengers	Number	7,428	5,210	4,704

SUMMARY OF TOTAL FREIGHT MOVEMENT IN TONS.

The day of the gard substitute and with the	To July 1, 1901.	To July 1, 1900.	To July 1, 1899.
East bound freight of all	5,392,954	6,825,444	5,281,821
West bound freight of all kinds, net tons	1,374,166	1,848,037	1,127,265
the Bollow Wells, But	6,767,120	8,673,481	6,409,086

Total number of vessel passages to July 1, 1901, was 5,300 and the registered tonnage 6,055,909.

The Holland Torpedo Boat Co. has notified the William R. Trigg Co., Richmond, Va., that they can do nothing with the submarine boat Plunger. She will be towed to New York and an effort made by the Holland company to equip her with electricity as a motive power. The sum of \$90,000 advanced by the government has been refunded.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLONIAL TRADE.

Mr. O. P. Austin, chief of the treasury bureau of statistics, has just returned from a brief visit to London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Brussels, where he went for the purpose of making some statistical studies regarding the commerce of European countries and especially their commerce with, and their development of, their colonies.

"I was greatly impressed," said Mr. Austin, "with the interest evinced in colonial questions at all the capitols which I have visited. Each of these five countries has its colonial department or division, with a thoroughly equipped force largely made up of men who have had long experience in the colonies of the countries. In England, the colonial office at the home government interchanges, at intervals, its employees, as far as practicable, with the colony, thus obtaining practical and experienced men in the home office, and keeping a corps of men in training in the colonies. At the Netherlands, whose colonial work is a matter of pride on the part of every citizen of that country, the head of the colonial department has had long experience in Java, the principal Netherland colony, and one which has been eminently successful. In France, the colonial department is extremely active, obtaining large numbers of reports from its colonial officers and distributing information by a specially organized bureau for that purpose, and in Germany and Belgium equal interest was manifested.

"Everywhere I found great public interest in colonial matters outside of official circles. In London, for instance, there is a colonial institute, composed of several hundred ex-officials of the colonies and others interested in colonial matters, which has a library of nearly 50,000 volumes and which is in close working relation with the library of the colonial department, also containing 50,000 volumes. The members of the institute hold monthly meetings for the discussion of matters pertaining to the management, commerce, statistics, and prosperity of the colonies and their commercial relations with the mother country. At Paris there is a colonial organization with about 5,000 members, some of whom have had experience in the colonies, others are merchants and business men desiring to keep in constant touch with business conditions and opportunities in the colonies and still others who are students of colonial subjects from an economic standpoint. In Germany, although their colonial system is young as compared with those of England, Netherlands or France, the colonial association numbers over 20,000 members, scattered throughout the empire, some of whom are officers and ex-officials, others connected with the army and navy, and many others who are interested in the commercial and agricultural development of the colonies.

"The study of colonial conditions and development of the colonies, both as to products and commerce, is encouraged by all the governments which control territory of this character. The French government maintains an educational institution devoted exclusively to colonial studies and the training of men for the colonial service; admission to its classes is obtained through competitive examinations, the term of study is three years, and the instructors are men of high standing both in colonial experience and in the study of economics. While the primary object of this institution is to educate men for the colonial service, those who prefer at the end of their term to devote their efforts to the commercial and agricultural development of the colonies may do so. The Netherlands government also maintains a training school, similar in general character, and the English government has a somewhat similar system for the training of men for service in India and the colonies.

"In nearly all of the countries in question there are excellent and interesting colonial museums, devoted to the exhibition of not only the products of the colonies, but also the articles required by their population, and in many cases they are accompanied by admirable statistical statements showing the growth in production of the principal articles, and the growth in exports from, and imports into, the colonies. Each of the governments maintains a statistical service by which the commerce of the colonies is carefully studied and the share which the mother country supplies of the imports, or receives of the exports, carefully tabulated, the receipts and expenditures of the colonies and of the home government on account of them recorded, and the growth of agricultural, commercial and educational conditions noted.

"Especial attention is given in all cases to the ability of the colony to meet the commercial wants of the mother country. Countries which do not produce within their own borders the foodstuffs and raw materials required by their population encourage the production in the colonies of the articles thus required at home, while the countries which produce their own foodstuffs or raw materials look to the colonies for the tropical products which they cannot produce at home and encourage the production of those articles in the colonies and their distribution in the mother country. The investment of home capital in the colonies is thus encouraged through the assurance given that the products of those colonies will find a ready market in the mother country; the manufacturers and producers of the mother country are, in turn, assured of an enlarged market in the colonies through the increased consuming power which accompanies their increased production and sales, and the general prosperity of the colonies through increased production, larger markets and better roads, railways and improved educational facilities, is thus assured."

Quite a few changes among draftsmen in the navy department have been made since Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles was made chief constructor. Friends of Mr. Gilbert Kirby, who was with the Globe Iron Works Co. of Cleveland some years ago, will be pleased to learn that he now occupies the position of chief draftsman under Rear Admiral Bowles.

Rear Admiral Norman H. Farquhar, accompanied by Com. Walter Dunlap, is making a tour of the lakes.

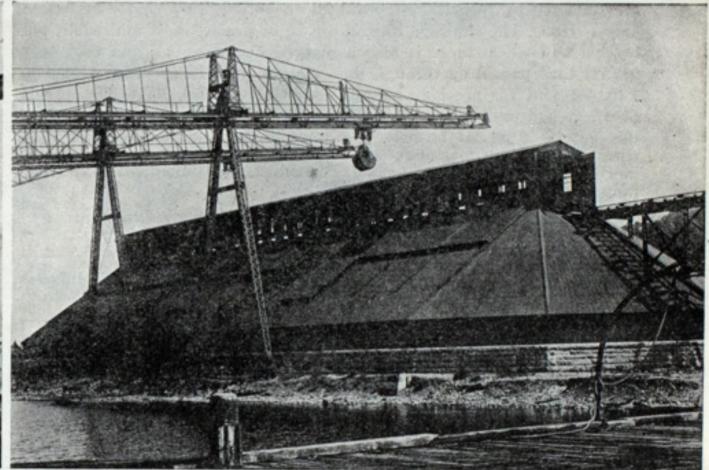
THE CRAMP-VICKERS-BETHLEHEM STEEL COMBINE.

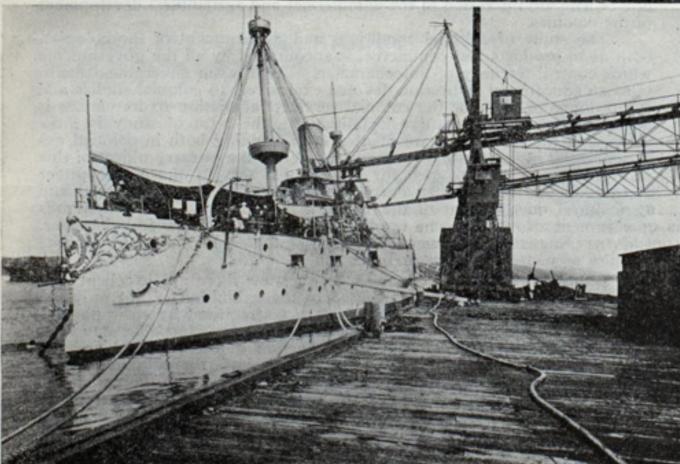
The examination into the condition of the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the Cramps which has been conducted on behalf of Vickers Sons & Maxim of London has been practically completed and reports which are said to be satisfactory have been submitted to the prospective purchasers. It is learned that the 160,000 shares of Bethlehem Steel stock held by C. M. Schwab has been handed over to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Morton Trust Co., the financial representatives of the English syndicate. The remaining 140,000 shares will be turned over to Vickers Sons & Maxim at \$24, the price at which Mr. Schwab disposed of his holdings. It is understood that if the general offer to the stockholders, extended to Aug. 20, is accepted, the option of the 160,000 shares at \$24 will be exercised, not by Mr. Schwab, but by the Vickers Sons & Maxim people. If this is true there will be only a small margin of profit in the transaction for Mr. Schwab. The consolidation of the Maxim-Cramp ship building companies has been under consideration since the first of last year, and it is claimed that the only reason it has not been perfected is that the parties in interest were unable to secure an American armor plate manufacturing concern. Negotiations were first begun with the Midvale Steel Co., but were declared off, owing to a disagreement over the price of stock. Negotiations were then taken up with the Bethlehem Steel Co.

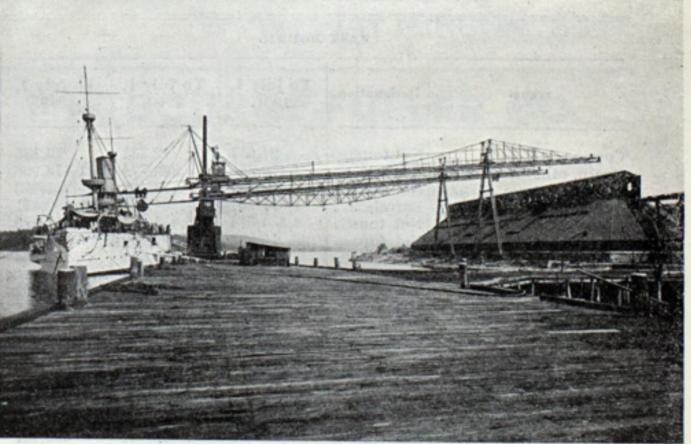
RECRUITING FOR THE NAVY.

Rear Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, is making every endeavor to meet the requirements of the navy in furnishing complements for all the vessels in commission. At the close of the Spanish war, when all men who enlisted for the war with Spain were discharged, it was necessary to find some means of getting more men, and as the seacoast cities, where men up to this time were obtained, did not furnish them, Admiral Crowninshield inaugurated the plan of sending recruiting parties for the navy through the interior states to enlist young men between eighteen and twenty-five years of age, to be trained for the navy in the rudiments of a seaman's duties. The first of these men were transferred to San Francisco, where they went on board the Hartford, made famous by Farragut, which had been rebuilt and fitted especially with a view of training these young men. Three hundred of them made the passage from San Francisco to Hampton Roads, occupying 142 days, and forty-seven came out full-fledged seamen, 200 ordinary seamen and the balance landsmen, excepting eight, who were discharged for inaptitude for the service. This proved so successful that other vessels were added from time to time to the training fleet, and now the Hartford. Lancaster, Buffalo, Dixie, Alliance and Mohican are assigned to this duty. There are two recruiting parties doing the south at present, one









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Views of United States Naval Coaling Station at New London, Conn.—Battleship Texas taking on Coal.

This coaling station was designed and the machinery furnished by the Brown Hoisting Machinery Co., Cleveland, O.

On two occasions it has been officially announced that the deal for control of this plant was off, but now everything points to the ultimate success of the plan. One of the main objects of the consolidation is to turn out a war vessel equipped from keel to turret with all the mechanism of modern warfare. Vickers Sons & Maxim shareholders have approved the proposal for an additional issue of \$5,000,000 in ordinary shares, but whether or not this new issue of stock has any connection with the plan of merger can not be ascertained.

A Washington dispatch announces that Secretary Long is desirous of increasing the amount of armor which is being furnished by the armor contractors, and as the quantities supplied at present are not in keeping with the large amount under contract the contractors will be required to increase their facilities so that more speedy returns may be secured by the government. It is understood that the Carnegie Steel Co. will not undertake any considerable extensions to its armor plant at Homestead unless the government makes provision for taking a considerably larger tonnage than it has done heretofore. The present capacity is 6,000 tons per annum while the government orders average 2,500, so that if it were not for foreign orders the mills would be idle part of the time.

by land from Port Royal, which will visit the cities of Columbia, Green-ville and Spartanburg, S. C.; Augusta, Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham and Harrisburg, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga. The other will proceed by water from Norfolk this week through the canals and sounds of North Carolina. This party will be on board the Alvarado, one of the gunboats captured from Spain, commanded by Lieut. W. T. Cluverius, and will visit all of the principal cities along the sounds as well as the byways and smaller settlements. The Alvarado will go first to Newberne, N. C., where a recruiting headquarters will be established.

Tuesday of last week was a great day at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me., because for the first time in the history of ship building in the United States has a government warship had her propellers standardized and her trial trip held on the same day. The torpedo boat Biddle, which was launched May 18, did the act. The boat, after the work of standardizing was finished, put into Mouse island to coal and at noon started out on her trial trip. She easily did 28.6 knots and was not pushed. The Bath Iron Works has the distinction of being the first firm to finish contracts let in 1898. This is the fifth torpedo boat built at the works.

BRITISH NAVAL STATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

A dispatch from Quebec announces that information has been received there that Great Britain has fully decided to establish a naval station in Newfoundland. The third class cruiser Calypso, 2,770 tons, has been selected by the admiralty for special service as a stationary drill ship and will be stationed in Placentia bay on the south side of the island at a place called Marquise. If the dispatch which follows is to be credited the British government is making great preparations for the protection of

commerce in the North Atlantic:

The gradual conversion of Marquise into a great naval stronghold is only a matter of time and money. The place is destined to become the rendezvous for a large British squadron and the new scheme of imperial defence provides a liberal estimate for its maintenance. A graving dock for the repair of warships will be built, a force of artificers will be stationed there and while the machine shops in St. Johns will probably suffice for present purposes, the erection of others at Marquise must follow before long, and the establishment of such a plant would necessitate the port being garrisoned. It will serve another important purpose in that it will be made a coaling station. At present there is no tortified fort save Halifax in the British Atlantic provinces and there immense stocks are stored. Sydney, it is true, is the place where the coal is mined and there it is easy to procure stocks in summer; but for the winter months it is icebound. Placentia bay contains many splendid harbors and is never blocked with ice floes. Marquise is situated on a splendid haven, forming part of Placentia sound and enclosed between beetling hills, which rise steeply on every side. There is ample area to accommodate a large fleet and a narrow channel which could easily be defended against hostile cruisers by a submarine torpedo scheme. It is capable of being converted into a magnificent naval stronghold, where a squadron could ride and merchant steamers seek protection. It lies almost on the railway line, which connects with every part of the island.

The strategic importance of the new station is illustrated by the fact that the bay opens out upon the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and thence upon the North Atlantic. The squadron stationed there could dominate a vast sweep of ocean, and control the waterborne commerce of Canada by way of the St. Lawrence to the westward. In fact the present scheme includes a plan for the virtual policing of the North Atlantic ocean in the interest of British commerce. Shipping near the British coast would obtain two days' protection from the naval scouts cruising west of Land's End. The patrol operating off Cape Race would afford another two days' safety, and would then turn freighters over to the squadron off Halifax, to guard them to their destination. The only undefended portion of the route would then be the one thousand miles of mid ocean, and big cruisers of the Powerful type would assist considerably in reducing the dangers associated with its crossing. At present there is no protection whatever for shipping on the Cape Race route, and it is admitted that a hostile cruiser or two lying off the south coast of Newfoundland could tie up

indefinitely the whole shipping of Canada.

The importance to Canada as well as to England of the new naval base in Newfoundland has been brought to the attention of the dominion government as a reason why special care should be taken to avoid alienating the sympathy of the island colony and why the Canadian government should withdraw its opposition to the ratification of the Bond-Blaine convention so very much desired by the Newfoundlanders. But overshadowing all else, the establishment of the Newfoundland naval station clearly points to the possibility of early trouble between England and France, and the well determined intention of the former to capture St. Pierre and Miquelon the moment war is declared. The little group of islets known as St. Pierre lies off the mouth of Placentia bay, and is within easy striking distance of Marquise. From Marquise to the Miquelon capital is but eighty miles, and as the latter port is undefended it could make no resistance, even to a ship of the Calypso type. The capture of St. Pierre would be one of the greatest strategic features of a war between France and England, since it would deprive the former of her only base of supply for coal in North American waters, cripple her cruisers and make Britain the undisputed master in those waters. Of course the French government is not blind to the danger, and a short time ago the French flagship on the North American station visited Placentia bay, where Commodore Henrique and his staff landed at Marquise and inspected the situation of the proposed British station. They made a tour of the surrounding country and their launches sounded in the offing until they must have a good knowledge of the port. At St. Pierre, too, they have made preparations for defence. The authorities have accumulated a large stock of military munitions there, and an effort has been made to enforce conscription among the adult males and drill them as a town guard. But as they are nearly all fishermen, who for seven or eight months of the year are away on the Grand Banks, the scheme is not very successful.

The new naval reserve movement is being very well received in Newfoundland, of whose total population of 200,000, fully one-third are directly engaged in the fisheries, and of these the admiralty calculates to enroll in the reserve 5,000 young men. These fisherfolk are of a higher type of seafarers than the British naval recruits, for they learn their trade in the school of experience, constantly facing the most trying conditions of weather and coast line. The most liberal terms have been offered to fishermen to induce them to join the reserve, and as an additional incentive it has been arranged that their drills shall take place in winter, so as not to interfere with the regular fishing operations of the summer. Newfoundland is the only colony to which the naval reserve has been extended. The admiralty objected to Canada's being included, because there was too great an intercourse between the maritime provinces and the eastern states, and there was the greatest danger that the Canadian reservists as soon as trained would cross the border and avail themselves of the better terms which Uncle Sam offers for men to crew his warships. The increased strategic importance given to Newfoundland by this movement causes great satisfaction in the island, where it is hoped that it may prove a powerful lever to secure for the population that consideration which has so long been withheld by the imperial authorities, as well in the French shore difficulty and the Bond-Blaine convention matter, as in many other affairs.

As soon as the steel ship William P. Frye is off the stocks the firm of Arthur Sewall & Co., Bath, Me., will build a four-masted steel schooner 250 ft, long.

EUROPEAN STATION RE-ESTABLISHED.

Formal orders have been issued by the navy department re-establishing the European station with Rear Admiral J. B. Cromwell in command. Admiral Cromwell is now at Rio and has acknowledged receipt of the order. He will designate the headquarters of the squadron which will probably be at some point in the Mediterranean. The re-establishment of the European station is said to be entirely devoid of political significance, and to be simply a move in the regular procedure of the navy to place the service in the same condition that it was prior to the war. The cruiser Chicago is ordered to proceed from Rio and will be the flagship of the admiral. The Albany and Nashville sailed for Cavite June 3, from Singapore, en route to the European station. It is expected that the rendezvous of the ships at the time they assemble will be Gibraltar. The European station, although marked on the naval maps, has not been in actual existence since just before the breaking out of the Spanish war. Prior to that time several ships had been in the Mediterranean, and the San Francisco and the Bancroft made a hurried departure from those waters to avoid the complications likely to ensue when war was declared. The limits of the station are Port Said, at the entrance of the Red sea, on the east, and a line running north and south through the Atlantic from the southernmost point of Greenland to Para on the north coast of Brazil, and thence eastward. This includes the Azores and all of the waters of Europe and North Africa. Admiral Cromwell has been until now commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic station, and his new assignment creates a vacancy which will be filled for the present by Capt. Pendleton of the Atlanta, now at Rio. If additional ships are sent to the South Atlantic later, a rear admiral probably will be named for the command, but for the present there is no purpose of increasing the ships on that station. Neither is there any present prospect of adding to the ships on the European station.

JUNIOR OFFICERS BADLY NEEDED IN THE NAVY.

The semi-annual edition of the Naval Register bearing date of July 1, but which had been delayed in publication through the failure of the board of rear admirals to report the names of the two lieutenants they have selected for retirement, shows that there have been twenty-six resignations, twenty-three retirements and thirty deaths of officers of the navy and marine corps since Jan. 1. One naval cadet was dismissed, but subsequently pardoned. There are twenty-one rear admirals, of whom three are "extra members," promoted for war service, whose retirement, etc., will not create vacancies; seventy regular and three extra captains, 112 regular and three extra commanders, 170 regular and two extra lieutenant-commanders, 300 regular and four extra lieutenants and 104 junior lieutenants.

The Register shows that there is a serious shortage in the number of ensigns. The law authorizes 245, but the list contains only 126. There has been much complaint over the lack of watch and division officers for warships, but although Secretary Long has frequently urged on congress the necessity of authorizing an increase in the number of naval cadets and shortening the course of instruction in order to provide enough junior officers, his efforts have been unavailing. The fact that 119 vacancies exist among the ensigns at a time when there are more vessels in commission than ever before, except in war time, will be brought to the attention of congress as an argument in favor of increasing the number of naval cadets.

F. H. CLERGUE'S FAITH IN CANADA.

Mr. F. H. Clergue of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., in speaking of the undeveloped resources of new Ontario in conversation lately with a

representative of an Ottawa paper, said:

"I firmly believe that Canada will be a great country, and that before many years. Canada is full from end to end of natural wealth. The fact is only becoming known to the world. What will happen is this: Very soon the opportunities of Americans for profitable home investment will come to an end. A general turn of eyes toward Canada will take place. Capital will flow in and the capital will be followed by population. Just as Canadians went to the United States years ago to better themselves, so Americans will come to Canada. American capital will be followed by British capital and more or less British immigration. Once the country gets a start the rest will be easy." Mr. Clergue went on to say that Canadians have been accused of being "slow," but in his opinion it was not true. Canadians were just as alive to opportunities as Americans. The trouble has been that Canadians had lacked capital. Canadians, Mr. Clergue believed, had the making of a magnificent nation; physique, hardiness, cleanliness of tone, energy, all the desirable qualities were there. When Canada becomes a nation, he said it will be a great nation. A year ago, the population of the Canadian Soo was 4,000. It is now 7,000. Mr. Clergue says he expects it will be 50,000 within three years. It will be a great manufacturing center. When in full operation the steel plant alone will employ over 10,000 men, and why, he asks, shouldn't it be a great center? "Within easy distance there are in sight vast quantities of iron, nickel, copper and pulpwood. The water power is unlimited. Lake Superior is our mill pond, and the St. Mary's river our flume. Our shipping facilities, both by rail and water, are unsurpassed anywhere."

Steel corporation stocks sagged a bit last week when the dividends were declared, but this was due to the fact that the directors in fixing the rate for the first dividend did not specify that the dividends were regular quarterly ones. The definite announcement by Judge Gary on Friday last that the dividends were regular quarterly ones settled the matter and gave tone to the stock. The announcement was really not necessary because no one acquainted with the directors of this company would believe that a distribution of profits would be decided upon unless they knew that they could continue them. It is understood that the dividend question was only considered after a very large sum had been charged off to depreciation and a settled policy inaugurated of maintaining a permanent sinking fund for this purpose.

The navy department has been advised that the Cramps of Philadelphia have a claim of about \$264,000 against the government for delay incident to furnishing armor for the battleship Alabama. The Alabama was begun in December, 1896, and under the three-years' contract should have been completed in December, 1899. Other claims may also be filed.

HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS DISPATCH TO DEWEY.

Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, has added another and by far the most interesting chapter to the discussion over the authorship of the famous order to Admiral Dewey to capture or destroy the Spanish ships in the Philippines. Secretary Long, who resumed his official duties at the navy department Monday morning, had something to say on the subject also. A circumstantial account of how the dispatch came to be written was given by Admiral Crowninshield, who said that he wrote it at the white house after a message had come from Admiral Dewey notifying the department that he had been ordered to leave Hong Kong within forty-eight hours and asking for instructions.

Secretary Long was surprised at the interest that had been aroused over his informal remarks at the outing of the Massachusetts club at Nantucket last week, in which he referred to the order to Dewey as the work probably of some unknown subordinate clerk in the navy department. He and Rear Admiral Crowninshield talked over the dispatch to Dewey Monday morning last and in the course of the conversation it came out that the secretary's recollection what transpired in connection with the dispatch was that it had been prepared in the bureau of navigation and was taken to the white house by Mr. Long, who, having obtained the president's approval, sent it to the bureau of navigation to be put into cipher. Admiral Crowninshield, however, recalled distinctly that he wrote the order at the white house while Mr. Long was out driving. There is no controversy between Secretary Long and Admiral Crowninshield on the subject. In fact, each disclaims personal interest in the matter beyond that which comes from participation in the preparation of a communication that was the first step in bringing the Philippines under American control.

"I never regarded the writing of this dispatch as a matter of any particular importance," said Admiral Crowninshield, "nor have I ever taken to myself any credit for it, except that I have always regarded it as an interesting thing to have done. The secretary of the navy, who signed the dispatch, and the president of the United States, who directed its preparation, are the ones who accepted the responsibility for the order that was given to Commodore Dewey, and they are, therefore, entitled, in my opinion, to whatever credit that comes from having given such an

important and historical order."

Admiral Crowninshield, after consulting Secretary Long, dictated the following statement of his recollection of the circumstances attending the

preparation of the dispatch:

"On the afternoon of Sunday, April 24, 1898, I went over with my son and his cousin to the Arlington golf links to see them play a round of golf. About the time they had finished I noticed the secretary of the navy and Mrs. Long driving up the road passing the golf links, and I walked over to their carriage and had a short conversation with the secretary, who informed me that he was going out in the country to spend the day. Soon after I returned to my home in Washington, where I was informed that Lieut. H. H. Whittlesey, an officer on duty in the bureau of navigation, had called to see me during my absence with an important dispatch. A short time after, Lieut. Whittlesey again called with the dispatch in question, which was from Admiral Dewey to the secretary of the navy, stating the governor of Hong Kong had notified him that he must leave that port with the force under his command within forty-eight hours. Deeming that it was of the greatest importance that a reply should be sent as soon as possible to Admiral Dewey, I took the dispatch

to the white house and laid it before the president.

"The president suggested that the preparing of a reply should be put off until the secretary returned to the city; but I urged upon the president the importance of sending a dispatch to Admiral Dewey, who was undoubtedly anxiously awaiting instructions. I also informed the president that a part of a day had elapsed since Admiral Dewey had received the notice from the governor of Hong Kong, and that it was, at the moment we were talking, already Monday morning in Hong Kong. The president then directed me to go and find Mr. Long, the secretary of the navy, and Judge Day, the secretary of state, and bring them to the white house. I procured a cab and drove to the Portland, the residence of Secretary Long, where I was informed that he was still absent and was not expected back until later in the day. I then drove to the residence of Secretary Day, who I found at home and to whom I delivered the president's message. Secretary Day got into the carriage with me and we drove to the white house, stopping en route at the residence of Assistant Secretary of State Adee, where we were informed that the latter was at the state department. Upon arriving at the white house Secretary Day requested that I should go to the navy department and remain near the telephone, as he would probably send for me in fifteen or twenty minutes. I proceeded to the navy department and in a short time received a telephone message from the white house to come there. Upon arriving at the white house I was shown to the western end of the upper corridor, where the president was sitting with the following persons: Secretary Day, Attorney-General Griggs, Senator Hale, and one other, possibly Secretary Bliss, though I am not sure. The late Senator Davis joined the party later.

'A discussion of the dispatch from Admiral Dewey and the reply which was to be sent to him was taking place when I arrived and in which I took part for several minutes. The president then turned to Attorney-General Griggs and said: 'Griggs, you write a dispatch for Dewey to proceed to Manila and attack the Spanish naval force assembled there,' whereupon Attorney-General Griggs turned to me and said, 'Captain, you know how to write that better than I do; you go and write it. You will find some blanks in the cabinet room.' I at once proceeded to the cabinet room, where I met Mr. Hayes, son of ex-President Hayes, who was visiting at the white house. He got me some blanks and a pencil and I sat down and wrote the dispatch as sent to Admiral Dewey. Returning to the presidential party, I handed the dispatch I had prepared to Attorney-General Griggs, who, after reading it over, said it was satisfactory and handed it to the president, who read it aloud. The only change that was made in the dispatch as I wrote it was the addition of either the word 'capture' or the word 'destroy.' The dispatch as originally written by me contained but one of these words, but which one I don't recall. With this change the president approved of the dispatch and returned it to me with the remark that he preferred that it should not be sent until it was seen by the secretary of the navy. I then said to the president I would take the dispatch to the navy department and have it put in cipher ready for the secretary's signature on his return to the city. I then went

over to the navy department, handed the dispatch to Lieut. Whittlesey and directed him to go ahead and put it into cipher and to take it to the Portland as soon as the secretary returned, for his signature. Lieut. Whittlesey reported to me the same evening that the secretary had signed the dispatch and that it had been sent. One week after that Sunday Admiral Dewey arrived at Manila and attacked and destroyed the Spanish fleet there."

Secretary Long on referring to the subject said that his recollection was very distinct. "Immediately upon the declaration of war," he said. "I had conferred with the president about an order to Dewey to attack the Spanish fleet at Manila. On Sunday morning, April 24, I went to the white house, sat with the president on a sofa in the corridor and earnestly advised the sending of such an order. But for Admiral Crowninshield's statement, I should have said unhesitatingly that I had with me the dispatch which had been prepared in the bureau of navigation and that, the president approving, I returned to the navy department and sent it in to the bureau of navigation to be put in cipher. I then went out to drive. As I drove out between 11 and 12 o'clock, I remember passing Admiral Crowninshield. As to what transpired later at the white house, at the meeting which he described, I of course have no knowledge. It seems to me probable that the president, after his interview with me, sent for some of the cabinet and Admiral Crowninshield and took up the dispatch which, according to my recollection, had already been prepared and gave it final consideration. Probably, also, there had then come in Dewey's dispatch of the day before, advising us that he had been ordered to get away from Hong Kong.

One of the strangest things in the whole discussion is that nobody concerned, except Admiral Crowninshield, had a distinct recollection of any dispatch from Admiral Dewey received on April 24, 1898, saying that he had been requested by the governor of Hong Kong to leave that port within forty-eight hours and asking for instructions. Secretary Long could not recall any such message, and he looked for it in vain today in the printed volume of war dispatches, entitled "Appendix to the Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation." A search of the official files was made, however, and the original of the dispatch to which Admiral Crowninshield refers in his statement was discovered. Through an oversight it was not included in the "Appendix" and has never been printed. It is dated Hong Kong, April 23, 1898, signed Dewey, and is as follows:

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"The governor of Hong Kong, by direction of the secretary of the states for the colonies, has notified me that a war between the United States and Spain exists. He requests ships to leave within forty-eight hours. The instructions of the department are requested in regard to it."

URGING PROTECTION FOR CANADIAN BUILDERS.

Capt. Alexander McDougall of whaleback fame has been inclined to urge measures of protection for the Canadian ship building industry since he became interested in the Collingwood Ship Building Co. of Collingwood, Ont. He is thus quoted in a recent interview:

"Steel ship building in Canada cannot be a success until some protection is given against the evils now existing. In the United States, where there is cheap steel, many ship building yards, encouraged by protection, are now selling ships that engage, through round about methods of evading the dominion coasting laws, in the Canadian coasting trade, while congress has forbidden Canadian or any ships save those built in the United States to trade coastwise in United States waters. The only condition upon which a foreign vessel can come under the United States flag is by special act of congress, or when it is wrecked on the coast of the United States and is repaired in the United States at a cost of more than three-quarters of the value. If a United States vessel is repaired in Canada, she must pay 50 per cent, of the cost as customs duty at the first United States port she enters. Thus American ship yards have protection for both building and repairing ships, while Canadians have little or no ship protection. The Canadian coastwise trade is freely open to all British ships, and British ship registers are open to all foreign-built ships, so that when a ship is wanted in Canada it can be bought in the United States, with all its appurtenances, which belong to many branches of trade, and by a little red tape can be enrolled under British registry and hail from some British port by putting its name on her stern and buying a British flag. A Canadian vessel can get repairs in a United States port and pay but little customs charges for such repairs. The United States government further protect their Pacific coast ship yards by allowing a large percentage in favor of Pacific coast ship yards when tendering for government work, and at present there are United States government ships under contract at San Francisco and Seattle at prices from \$100,000 to \$200,000 more than they could be built for on the Atlantic coast. In Canada, when government ships are wanted, bids are asked for in Canada and also in Great Britain; the details of their specifications and fittings are of a class such as can only be got in Great Britain, and the Canadian ship builder would have to pay duty on these parts. Unless the Canadian is the lowest bidder the contract is let to an outsider, who can get the ship built in Great Britain, Germany, the United States or elsewhere. Thus an industry which, with its great quantity of raw material, Canada is peculiarly fitted for, is hampered, and the heavy traffic along the frontier is carried by ships not made in the dominion. If some restriction were laid upon British ships and foreign-built ships of English register engaging in Canadian coastwise trade; if the Canadian government would pay a small bounty on all steel ships built in Canada and if an increased custom duty was charged on repairs to Canadian ships in foreign parts, steel ship building in the dominion would be so stimulated that in the near future steel ships might be sold with their cargoes in foreign countries, as formerly wooden ships, built in Quebec, were sold all over the earth.'

The Cramp Steel Co., Ltd., Collingwood, Ont., are calling for subscriptions to one issue of \$1,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock, the entire capital being \$2,000,000 of preferred stock and \$3,000,000 of common stock. Subscribers to the preferred receive as a bonus one share of common stock. The proceeds of the sale of the preferred stock are to be used to build a blast furnace and an open hearth steel plant at Collingwood, Ont., the town having granted a cash bonus of \$115,000 and eighty acres of land. The company owns iron lands in Ontario, which are said to carry Bessemer ore, and also coal mines in Wise and Dickenson counties, Virginia. It is estimated in the advertisement soliciting stock subscriptions that the bounties during their existence will aggregate \$1,755,000.

DEATH OF WM. E. FITZGERALD.

In the death of Wm. E. Fitzgerald, due to an explosion of gas at his summer home near Milwaukee on Saturday night last, the American Ship Building Co. has lost one of the most progressive and energetic members of its executive staff. A typical, driving young business man of strong personality and rare executive ability—one of the kind who have been playing an important part in the upbuilding of American industrial organizations that have startled the world—has suddenly been



WM, E. FITZGERALD.

cut off in an unusually promising career. Had he lived, "Will" Fitzgerald, as he was familiarly known to a wide circle of friends, would certainly have risen to a position preeminent in the great industrial center

bordering on the lakes. The manner in which Mr. Fitzgerald met death caused a profound shock throughout the lake region. At his summer home on Lake Nagawicka, near Milwaukee, gas is generated in the basement. Noting a defect in the lights upon retiring Saturday night, he concluded that there was something wrong with the generator, and after finding the odor of gas in the lower part of the house summoned his coachman, Wm. Gruenewald, to go with him to the basement. The coachman was fully dressed, but Mr. Fitzgerald did not wait to do more than slip on his trousers over a night shirt. The coachman had picked up a lighted candle and both men thought of the danger of taking a light into the basement, but Mr. Fitzgerald, who

entered first, evidently concluded that as he had waited a while with the cellar door open the gas had so mingled with the air that the danger had passed. He called to the coachman to enter but not go close to the generator. The explosion occurred before the man with the light had fully descended the short stairway. Gruenewald was pretty well protected by his clothing and was only burned about the head and hands, but before Mr. Fitzgerald could reach the stairway he was very badly burned from the waist up. Mrs. Fitzgerald did heroic work in endeavoring to rescue her husband. Help was summoned and everything was done for Mr. Fitzgerald, but he lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and died at noon on Sunday. He leaves a wife and two boys, the latter aged fourteen and eight years. Of a family of eleven boys and girls, all children of the late John Fitzgerald of Milwaukee, only one, Mrs. Franklin Ward Smith, now survives.

John Fitzgerald was one of the pioneers in dry dock business at Milwaukee. The son, Wm. E., was taken into the business shortly after leaving school, and when his father's interests were some time later consolidated with the Wolf & Davidson ship yards under the name Milwaukee Dry Dock Co., his ability was recognized. His advancement was rapid just before and after his father's death, and when the consolidation of lake ship yards was taken up, a little more than two years ago, he was in position to make terms for the Milwaukee yards. This led to his appointment as assistant manager of the consolidated companies. This position in turn led to his connection in other enterprises—operation of vessels, insurance, etc.—with the men of large money interests who control the American Ship Building Co., and he was occupied with big things in a business way when death came so suddenly.

AROUND THE GREAT LAKES.

Mr. A. C. Heron, surveyor for Lloyd's register of shipping, has opened an office in the Wade building, Cleveland, and will have charge of vessel surveying on the lakes.

The Western line steamer Harlem, which was wrecked on Isle Royale, Lake Superior, two years ago and afterward released and repaired, was sold at public sale at Port Huron, Wednesday, at \$110,000. She was bid in by the Jenks Ship Building Co.

Now it is positively announced by Barry Bros. of Chicago that they have purchased the freight and passenger steamers Empire State and Badger State from M. A. Bradley of Cleveland and will prepare them for service between Milwaukee and Chicago.

During June the Detroit marine postoffice delivered 43,454 pieces of mail matter, and received 15,340 pieces. The postoffice issued ninety-one money orders, aggregating \$2,002, and eleven registered letters were passed. There were 3,222 passages of boats during the month.

Only one bid was received at Milwaukee, Wednesday, by Capt. Warren, United States light-house inspector, for the construction of the light-house tender for which proposals were asked some time ago. The bid—\$107,750.45—was from the Jenks Ship Building Co. of Port Huron. The amount of the appropriation is \$115,000. Capt. Warren will recommend acceptance of the bid.

On Saturday of this week one of the two steel freight steamers building at Detroit for capitalists who will be represented in the management of the vessels by Mr. A. McVittie will be launched. This vessel will be ready for service early next month. She will be named Colonel. The second steamer will be launched shortly and will be ready for business about Sept. 10. The big side-wheel passenger steamers to be built by the Detroit company will be put down on berths vacated by these freighters. Lloyd's strict requirements have delayed work on the Morley steamer—Canadian canal size—building at Detroit, but when she is completed she will be a very trim craft, fit to trade to any part of the world.

Pan-American exposition rates to Buffalo via the Nickel Plate road— Tickets now on sale at all stations, one and one-third fare for round trip, good returning fifteen days. Write, wire, 'phone or call on nearest agent, or E. A. Akers, C. P. & T. A., Cleveland, Ohio. 85, Aug. 1.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR MORE NEW LAKE SHIPS.

Contracts for as many as twelve to fifteen steel freight steamers to come out next spring may be announced almost any day by the American Ship Building Co.; this in addition to orders for seven treighters which the company already has in hand for next year. Negotiations with Cleveland vessel owners for four or five steamers of the regular ore and grain kind are nearing a settlement. The other vessels for which orders are expected will be in the fleet, long talked of, for trade down the Canadian canals to Montreal. The steel freight steamer for Capt. W. C. Richardson of Cleveland, ordered a week ago and briefly referred to in the last issue of the Review, will be built at the Cleveland yard of the American company. This vessel will be 374 ft. over all, 354 ft. keel, 48 ft. beam and 28 it. deep. She will have triple expansion engines with cylinders of 22, 35 and 58 in. diameter and 40 in. stroke. Steam will be furnished by two Scotch boilers, 14 ft. in diameter and 13 ft. long, to be allowed 170 lbs. pressure. Still another order, placed only a few days ago with the American company, is for a steel steamer that will be controlled by Capt. W. W. Brown of Cleveland. This vessel will also be of about 5,000 gross tons capacity. She will be built at South Chicago. Dimensions are: Keel length, 346 ft.; beam, 48 ft.; depth, 28 ft. Her triple expansion engines will have cylinders of 20, 33½ and 55 in. diameter, with a common stroke of 40 in. Boilers will be fitted with Howden hot draft apparatus and will be of 12 ft. diameter and 111/2 ft. length.

The Bertram Engine Works of Toronto has been building, almost every year of late, a passenger steamer for the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., which operates a large fleet of freight and passenger vessels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river. It has been understood for some time past that another large side-wheeler for this company would be put down at the Toronto works, and now it is announced that the plans are practically decided upon and that the vessel will be by far the best and largest of the fleet—346 ft. long.

SHORTAGE IN SHIPMENTS FAVORS LAKE FREIGHTS.

Reports as to the amount of iron ore moved by lake to July I as well as the canal reports from Sault Ste. Marie regarding Lake Superior commerce to the same date favor the vessel owner's side of the lake freight market, on account of the shortages which they show compared with last year. The freight market is therefore fully as strong as it was at the opening of navigation when an 80-cent ore basis from the head of Lake Superior was established, on account of evidences of a short season. On this basis, which is still firmly maintained, the vessels are making fair profits and as a result it will be noted that the ship yards are filling up with orders for another year. The canal reports from Sault Ste. Marie show that the movement of freight of all kinds to and from Lake Superior is still 2,000,000 tons behind last year. Expectations of ore shippers regarding the June movement were not realized because of delays in handling the ships, especially at Lake Erie ports. The ore shipments to July 1 foot up only 4,963,608 gross tons, as against 6,415,840 tons on the same date a year ago. The June movement aggregated 3,373,833 tons, as against hopes of a total of nearly 4,000,000 tons. In June a year ago the shipments footed up 3,149,952 tons, so that the gain in the month just closed is nothing like what was expected.

UNITED STATES STEEL EARNINGS.

Wall street had evidently discounted the action of the management of the United States Steel Corporation in beginning the payment of 7 and 4 per cent. respectively on the preferred and common shares, as the market for these stocks has been lower during the past week than it was before the dividends were announced. With its outstanding capital of \$508,486,300 of preferred and \$506,473,400 of common stock the dividend payments now decided on call for the disbursement of \$8,898,510 and \$5,064,734 respectively, or a total of \$13,963,244. The unofficial statement is that in the three months from April 1 to July 1, the first quarter of the United States Steel Corporation's existence, the aggregate net earnings of the constituent companies, after providing for the interest on the \$305,000,-000 of 5 per cent, bonds and the dividend of 13/4 per cent, for the quarter on the preferred, there was a surplus indicating earnings of 10 per cent. on the common stock for the year. This agrees with another report that the actual figures of net earnings for the three months were no less than \$26,500,000, and net profits of fully \$102,000,000 for the full year ending April 1, 1902, are also said to be expected. It would, therefore, seem that whatever the future may have in store for the steel trade in the way of labor disturbances, competition or fluctuations of consumption and prices, the initial quarter of the great steel combination has been successful and profitable to a degree which justifies the inception of dividends on the basis just adopted.

SIDE-WHEEL STEAMER FOR LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

The Champlain Transportation Co., doing a general freight and passenger business on Lake Champlain, has awarded a contract for a new passenger steamer to the W. & A. Fletcher Co., Hoboken, N. J. The vessel was designed by J. W. Milliard, No. 32 Broadway, New York, and the plans call for a steel sidewheel boat 250 ft, long at the waterline and 263 ft. over all. The breadth, molded, is 35 ft., and breadth, over all, 63 ft. 6 in., while the depth at the lowest point of sheer is 11 ft. 3 in. to the base line. The engine will be of the vertical beam type with jet condenser and feathering wheels. The diameter of the cylinder is 55 in. and the stroke of piston 10 ft. There will be two return tubular boilers, 26 ft. 6 in. long, 9 ft. 6 in. diameter, 11 ft. 6 in. across the front, and carrying steam of about 50 lbs. gauge pressure. The vessel will be equpiped with all modern conveniences.

A trial trip of the steamboat Thomas Patten of the Patten line for service in New York bay took place a few days ago. The hull was built by T. S. Marvel & Co., Newburgh, N. Y., the engines by the W. & A. Fletcher Co., Hoboken, N. J., and the joiner work was put on by John Englis & Son of Greenpoint. The vessel developed a speed of 18 miles on the trip. The machinery consists of a vertical, surface-condensing beam engine with a cylinder of 51 in. diameter by 8 ft. stroke. The boiler is of the lobster-back return tubular type, built for a steam pressure of 50 lbs. per square inch.

BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAM.

The British naval estimates for 1901 have just been announced in the house of commons. They comprise three battleships of a new and improved class, six cruisers of the Monmouth class and ten improved destroyers. Arnold-Forster, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, ex-

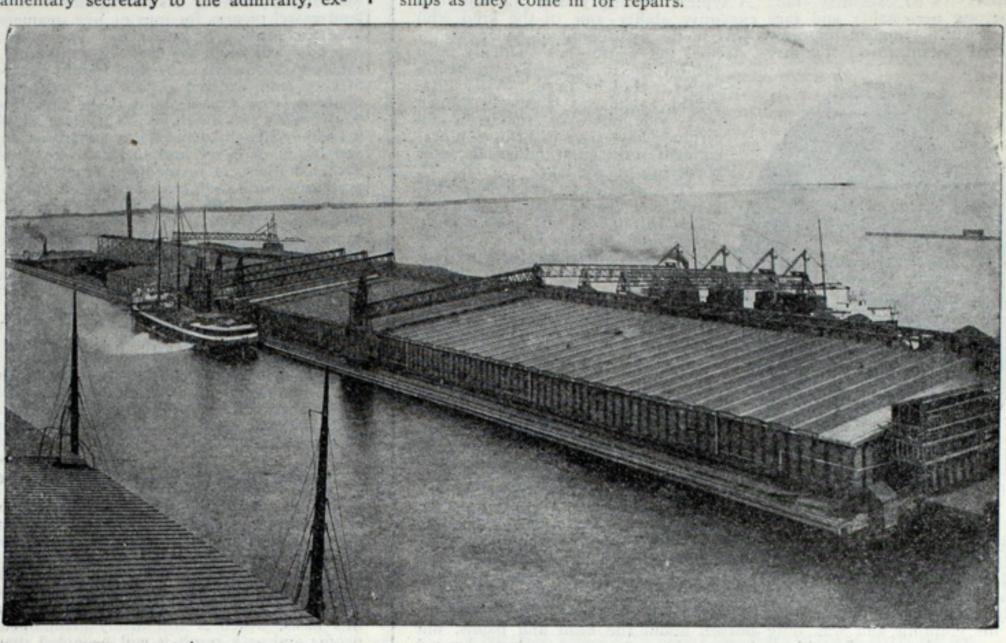
plained that there had been for some time some anxiety as to the character of the battleships now being built. It was generally admitted that there had been considerable progress in the matter of armaments. Changes should therefore be made in the direction of increasing offensive and defensive battleships. The new battleships, he said, would be named King Edward, Com-monwealth and Dominion, the names for the latter two being selected in recognition of the services of the colonies during the war. Each of the new ships would show improvements over the London and Formidable type, and some novel features would also be introduced. They would have a displacement of 16,500 tons, be 20 ft. longer than the Formidable, and have engines of 18,000 H.P., with which it was expected that they would attain a speed of 18½ knots. They would be protected by an armor belt from the lower protected deck to 9 in. above the water line, and then by another armor belt to the main deck, the latter to continue along the whole length of the ship.

A curious feature, never before introduced, would be a battery of ten 6-in. guns,

which would be inclosed in 7-in, armor, which battery would be divided by traverses to diminish the effect of a shell penetrating the armor. Another peculiarity would be the addition of four 12-in, guns. There would also be four 9.2-in, guns of great power, never before introduced in the secondary armament of any first-class battleship.

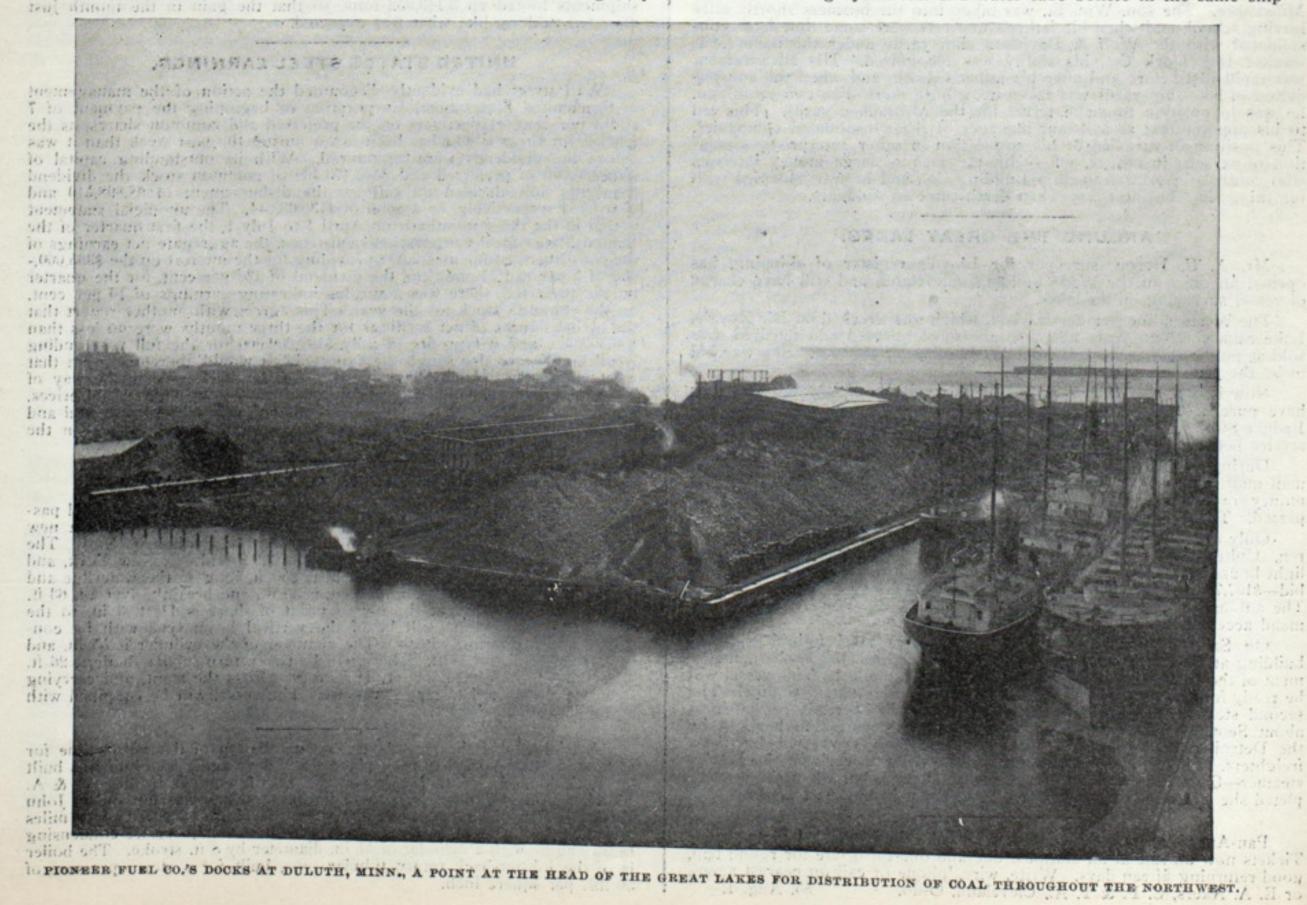
Forster added that the ten destroyers to be built would be stronger

than the present type. In regard to hospital ships, the secretary of the admiralty said Great Britain now had in the Mediterranean, through the generosity of an American citizen—Bernard N. Baker, president of the Atlantic Transport line—the well-equipped Maine. All the new ships will be fitted with wireless telegraphy, as will also all the other British warships as they come in for repairs.



OHIO COAL CO.'S DOCK AT DULUTH, MINN., A POINT AT THE HEAD OF THE GREAT LAKES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COAL THROUGHOUT THE NORTHWEST.

Efforts are being made to overcome the arrears in ship building, and, the secretary added, the government is now able to supply guns as they are needed. The secretary of the admiralty also said there was an absolute determination upon the part of the admiralty to find the best type of boiler, and the government was watching with interest a German experiment of combining cylindrical and water tube boilers in the same ship

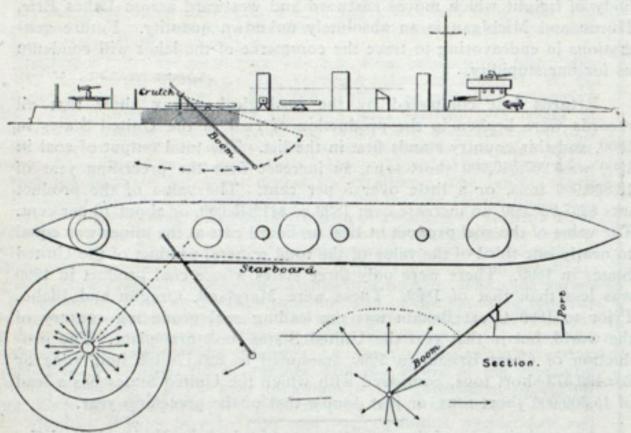


Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, discussing the naval position in the house of lords, maintained that the British Mediterranean fleet was sufficient to meet all exigencies, and could speedily be made equal to any possible combinations. He announced that two submarine boats were now being built, one of which would be ready for trial in September. He added that the remainder of the year 1901 would witness the completion of three armored cruisers of the Cressy class, four first-class barbette ships of the class of the Formidable, and two first-class barbette ships of the class of the Canopus. Lord Selborne said the first half of 1902 would see the completion of two more vessels of the Cressy class, two others of the Formidable class, one armored cruiser of the Monmouth class, and three armored cruisers of the Drake class. The first lord of the admiralty added that the total number of destroyers built or building was 113, and of the five submarine vessels already ordered the first would be ready for trial next September.

ENGLAND'S SUBMARINE BOAT DESTROYER.

Last week the Review called attention to the report that the English have discovered an antidote to submarines. The British call it one of the most important inventions of the age from the British standpoint—not from what submarines are but from what they might become but for the evolutions of a means to effectually destroy them. The Engineer of London devotes considerable space to a discussion of the subject, and says in part:

"In the present state of the science a submarine attacking a ship is bound to come to the surface to take bearings, or else to betray her presence with an optic tube or periscope. With this new invention—evolved in the Vernon and tried recently before the lords of the admiralty—the sighting of a submarine entails her almost certain destruction.



Sighting is now practically certain. It is not to the public benefit that the means which will be employed should be stated, for the principle has other and varied uses. We will pass on, therefore, to a brief description of the means of destruction. The shaded part of the hull of the destroyer in the figure indicates plates that have been strengthened on the starboard side. Above these is a crutch upon which a boom, 42 ft. long. works. This boom normally stows inboard and forward. At the far end of it a charge of explosives is carried, explodable as are all spar torpedoes. On going into action the boom is slung out well forward, and immersed in the water at the proper moment. This immersion carries the boom end downward and aft, and it is exploded directly the submarine is passed. The speed of the destroyer carries her past the center of the explosion before its full effects reach her, though in any case destroyers are too light and 'cork-like' to be seriously affected. The submarine down in the water is in a different case. It experiences the full force of the terrific concussion. Within from 60 ft. to 100 ft. or more of the center of explesion, according to the charge employed, the sides of the submarine should be compressed sufficiently to cause fatal leaks, while even at a greater distance stability should be destroyed. It will be seen, then, that the equivalent to a 'miss' is hardly to be expected.

"The single experiment carried out at Portsmouth was not enough to indicate exactly the best position for the boom, and the first boats to be fitted will probably vary somewhat between having it on the quarter or right aft. The additional weight of the boom is slight; in the case of the Starfish, the destroyer experimentally fitted, the weight has been more than compensated for by fitting her with aluminium instead of the usual torpedo tubes. This particular device is merely one of several equally simple remedies against submarines. That the admiralty has busied itself in this connection is a matter for considerably more congratulation than the building of submarine boats for the British navy."

LIDGERWOOD-MILLER MARINE CABLEWAY EXHIBIT.

An extremely beautiful model of the Lidgerwood-Miller marine cableway, 35 ft. long, is on exhibition at the Pan-American exposition in the ordnance building, and illustrates in a very realistic manner the method by which vessels can be coaled at sea. The model shows the operating winches just as they will be installed on the battleship Illinois, for which the Lidgerwood Mníg. Co. has recently been awarded contract. The cableway is shown in operation and the model is so contrived that an electric motor causes the collier to pitch, thus demonstrating the method of operating the cableway in spite of the relative motions of the ships. The exhibit is attracting a great deal of attention.

Low Rate Excursion to New York via B. & O.—Tickets on sale daily until Oct. 20 with privilege of returning via Buffalo. Call at city ticket office, 241 Superior street.

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SPICY SKETCH OF MR. D. H. BACON.

A spicy sketch of Mr. D. H. Bacon, formerly president of the Minnesota Iron Co., comes from one of the Georgia newspapers. Mr. Bacon's numerous friends in the great lakes region will probably conclude that he has developed—in the imagination of the newspaper correspondent—some new traits of character since going south to take charge of affairs of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. The sketch, which follows, is reprinted on account of the manner in which it is written, more so than for the facts which it contains:

"Birmingham has a man whose very presence fills the atmosphere with a filmy dread. That man is Don H. Bacon—a small man with a small name. But a man with brain, with energy, with determination, with nerve, with training, with ability and withal power. Mr. Bacon is chairman of the board of control of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., the largest corporation in the Birmingham district. This corporation owns and works the largest amount of coal lands of any company in the south. It owns and works the largest number of iron furnaces of any company in the district. It owns and works the largest steel plant in the south. And it employs several thousand men. The company owns a total of 428,648 acres of various coal and mineral lands in the states of Alabama and Tennessee, which lands yielded 7,809,927 tons of the five products of the company in 1899. The company bosses the men who work these acres and all men connected with the handling of the products, from miners to sales agents. It is autocrat of all-an enormous sovereignty. Don H. Bacon is boss of the company and his power is absolute in all respects. Little wonder he is feared. Little wonder all the horde of employes tremble in his presence. Yet with all this power there would not be the dread of him that fills the minds of the hundreds of employes were it not for the fact that he is known as an absolutely fearless man in the district. All realize that to come into disfavor in his eyes is to lose such positions as are held. The amount of stock you may hold, the influence you may control, does not count. It is all the same. Unless you have his favor you have no position.

"When he was first appointed chairman of the board of control he came to Birmingham and created the most absolute sensation of the year by asking for resignations and discharging men on an extensive scale. Men of money, men of training men of some ability and men of great influence—all fell before his word. I do not recall the number of changes made, but they were numerous. One story is told of a visit by him to the Ensley steel plant. There he found men at work with a nervous haste. He walked in the place and glanced about him. He asked the name of workmen, pointing toward them and when answered requested the superintendent to give them a week's notice and let them leave. And so he established an authority no one dares question. His every order, no difference to whom given or on what subject, is obeyed with a startling alacrity. His presence in the district keys the nerves of all the company's employes to the highest pitch. He commands without hesitation and his men must obey without hesitation.

"The man—he is small of stature, cold eyes, firm jaws, controlling lips, broad brow, elastic step, strongly muscled, with a rather loud voice. He talks by using a few words. He never hesitates to tell what he thinks you should know. Then he stops. He speaks plainly, though not bluntly. But he never says too much. He is not unkind; but he is busy. He cannot be worried by long conversations. He has too many duties to perform for the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. He is its boss. Mr. Bacon is a western man. He is a self-made man. He is a man who begun at the very bottom. He is a man who at one time performed manual labor. He is untiring. And the success he has won has been a deserving success, hard-worked-for, and for a long time sparingly given him. Little else is known of him, because he is feared. He is possibly more wonderful than Schwab—the million-dollar-a-year-man. If he is not more so, he is certainly as much so. And he is different in one respect. That he is satisfied to be Mr. Bacon without letting the world know too much about him or placing himself in public light always. But he is older than Mr. Schwab. That may be the reason of it all.

"With all of Mr. Bacon's autocratic policy there is a soft and manly feeling about him that appeals to any man who loves the fearless and true. This is shown no better than by his actions while president of the Minnesota Iron Co. It is stated that the policy of the company under his management was most altruistic, and in many respects unique as to its employes. The company for the last five or six years previous to the time Mr. Bacon left it employed about 1,900 men. In all its history a pay day was never missed and invariably cash was given the employes. This, though at one time it gave a bonus of \$700 to secure \$7,000 currency, and at times it was impossible to get cash on the paper of the largest steel companies in the country with the Minnesota's indorsement.

Mr. Bacon was born in 1850 in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and in 1862 went west and located in Michigan. When nineteen years of age he became a telegraph operator for the Cleveland Iron Mining Co., which has since become the Cleveland-Cliffs at Ishpeming. He studied the science of iron mining-an industry then in its infancy as far as the west was concerned. He began at the bottom in the state of Michigan and grew up with the industry. By steps successive he passed from operator to timekeeper, to cashier, to assistant superintendent, until he reached the superintendency of the mine in 1880. In 1883, when Jay C. Morse retired, he became agent, or manager, for the mine. In that position he remained until 1887, when he went to Minnesota. From that time Mr. Bacon's rise has been as natural and as sequential as the rise of all the men of genius, fearlessness and ability. From manager of the Minnesota he soon was promoted to the presidency. Then he was further promoted to the chairmanship of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., where he is adding to his success and reputation by the manner in which he is managing the affairs of the company-a company with \$34,000,000 assets and employing about 14,000 men.

Mr. Bernard N. Baker, president of the Atlantic Transport Co., has presented to the British navy the hospital ship Maine. The gift has been formally accepted by the Earl of Selborne, first lord of the admiralty. In his letter Mr. Baker said: "I trust she will long be an emblem of the cordial relations existing between the citizens of the United States and those of the mother country." The English papers all express the keenest appreciation of Mr. Baker's gift.

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Possibly a comparative monopoly may be built up in oil. The known petroleum deposits are not many and it is conceivable that they may be controlled by a single powerful interest. But steel is evidently a commodity which cannot be controlled by any one organization, no matter how vast or how consummately managed. To obtain a monopoly of the product one must control the sources of its raw material. The United States Steel Corporation is a pretty big affair and it starts in life with the most magnificent equipment that ever a business venture was endowed with. If anything could control steel making one would think the United States Steel Corporation could; but it cannot. Big as it is it cannot. Iron ore is pretty liberally sprinkled over the face of the earth. The steel corporation owns its share absolutely in the Lake Superior region, but there is enough left there and elsewhere to preserve a balance. New companies are springing up in a night and are serving to emphasize the fact that no monopoly can exist in steel making. Andrew Carnegie said some time ago that competition would always exist in the steel business. During the past three months unusual activity has prevailed in the steel world. Things have been moving at a terrific clip. The front of steel making has entirely changed. Established concerns, realizing that the beaten track which had served so well for so many years could no longer be successfully followed, have gone into the market for money and have put it directly into equipment. Every steel plant of importance is strengthening its position, either through reorganization or consolidation. New money is flowing into the steel business from all sides. The steel corporation will meet competition and lots of it. Its source of strength to meet this competition lies in its ore deposits.

One of the early effects of industrial combinations was the elimination of the traveling salesman. He went the way of all useless appendages, for assuredly he was useless when the firm which employed him merged its interests with its competitor. Things move in cycles, however, and the era of the traveling salesman is about to dawn again. The domestic field is largely closed to him, as it has been for some years past, but the foreign field is opening. The United States is producing a surplus which must be disposed of. Foreign markets cannot be successfully cultivated by circulars alone. Circulars can herald the advance of the salesman but they cannot always sell goods. The magnetic personality and pursuasive tongue of the salesman is needed. The foreign market is a difficult field to handle and the demand upon the talents of the traveling salesman is great. He must be versatile, gentlemanly and educated. He must speak the language of the country to which he is sent. He must be a diplomat who has devoted his attention to business. The over-sea market is the market of the future. It is the one market whose possibilities cannot be measured. To all practical purposes it is infinite. With proper cultivation no end of trade will come out of it. It is idle to think, however, that this trade can be secured without personal representation. It cannot. Contiguous countries have the natural advantage which can only be overcome by a representative on the spot with full power to act. The logical conclusion is that that army of workers which did so well to develop internal trade when there was need of them will, when transferred to Europe and the orient, do the same thing for the foreign trade of the United States.

The question of the superposed or ordinary turret is again on in Washington. This question resembles the oft-referred-to ghost of Banquo in that it will not down. When Hichborn was the chief constructor of the navy he was wont to say that he would be found dead in the last ditch before he would approve the superposed turret. He also prophesied that he would whip the advocates of the double turret to a standstill before congress. He went out of office breathing fulminations against what he called the all-eggs-in-one-basket system. The superposed turret, however, was adopted for the five battleships for which contracts were lately let. This form of turret received the indorsement of two special boards. Now. however, the naval board of construction is considering plans for the two battleships authorized in the last naval act and have run up against the superposed turret. The board met this week and it developed that three of its five members are opposed to the double system. The three are Chief Constructor Bowles, Chief of Engineering Melville and Chief of Ordnance O'Neil. The two who favor it are Rear Admiral Bradford and Capt. Sigsbee, the naval intelligence officer. The fight is over two plans

now before the board. One of these provides for a battery of four 12-in. rifles in two ordinary turrets, one forward and one aft; and fourteen 7-in. rifles, arranged in two broadsides of five guns each, and the other four sevens on the superstructure. This is the majority plan. Rear Admiral Bradford has proposed a battery of four 12-in, and four 8-in, rifles in two superposed turrets, each containing two twelves and two eights; four eights in two ordinary turrets, one in each waist and broadside of sixes.

During the past two years the need of a department of commerce has received additional emphasis by the tremendous volume of our exports. Time was when the commerce of the United States was pretty much internal. Now it has grown to be as well the greatest exporting nation in the world. The secretary of commerce would be an important figure in the cabinet. In the export field in particular the services of a secretary of commerce would be invaluable. Trade complications frequently occur abroad and are sufficient to justify the services of an independent staff. The secretary of state is too much concerned in purely governmental matters to watch closely the arteries of trade. Another thing the secretary of commerce could do. He could probably influence congress to pass laws to compel the lake transportation lines to record the movement of freight in their boats. It is a shame that as late as the twentieth century there should be no record of the volume of freight moving across these lakes. The only record which exists is that of the tonnage passing through the government canals at Sault Ste. Marie. This measures the Lake Superior freight movement only. The great body of freight which moves eastward and westward across Lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan is an absolutely unknown quantity. Future generations in endeavoring to trace the commerce of the lakes will condemn us for our stupidity.

Returns just completed by the geological survey show that all records were broken in the production of coal in the United States in 1900, and this country stands first in the list. The total output of coal in 1900 was 267,540,000 short tons, an increase over the preceding year of 13,800,000 tons, or a little over 5 per cent. The value of the product was \$297,920,000, an increase over 1899 of \$41,845,000, or about 16 per cent. The value of the coal product in 1900 on board cars at the mines was equal to nearly one-third of the value of the total mineral product of the United States in 1899. There were only three states whose coal product in 1900 was less than that of 1899. These were Maryland, Oregon and Idaho. Prior to 1899 Great Britain was the leading coal producing country of the world, but in that year the United States took first place. The production of Great Britain in 1900 amounted to 225,170,163 long tons or 252,190,573 short tons, compared with which the United States has a lead of 15,300,000 short tons, or just double that of the preceding year.

A reorganization of the executive personnel of the National Steel Co. and the American Steel Hoop Co. (parts of the United States Steel Corporation) was effected at meetings of the boards of directors in New York, a few days ago, by the election and appointment of the following officers for both companies: W. E. Corey, president; H. P. Bope, first vice-president; W. W. Blackburn, second vice-president; W. W. Blackburn, secretary; W. C. McCausland, treasurer; Henry P. Bope, general manager of sales; J. P. Kessler, Jr., general agent; D. G. Kerr, ore supply agent. The result of the reorganization is that all of the new officers are officials also in the Carnegie company. The general offices of both companies have been transferred from New York to Pittsburg, and business will be continued with headquarters in the Carnegie building without change of names.

In furtherance of the trials of water tube and Scotch boilers, the British admiralty has just sent out from Devonport for special runs to the Mediterranean two cruisers, the Minerva and Hyacinth. The Minerva has Scotch boilers and the Hyacinth has Belleville boilers. Both warships are of almost the same coal capacity, as they are sister ships. Members of the government boiler commission are on board each vessel. The Minerva and Hyacinth are to steam at 16 knots' speed to Gibraltar, cruise around in those waters, clean their boilers and then race home. The Hyacinth is the favorite in the betting.

A comparison of the growth of the United States export trade with that of other nations of the world shows that the United States in the fiscal year just ended has made the greatest increase. During the available portion of the fiscal year the increase in exports from the United States has averaged \$9,000,000 per month; that of the United Kingdom, \$3,000,000; Russia, \$3,000,000; France, \$2,000,000; Canada, \$2,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$1,000,000; Mexico, \$1,000,000; Germany, a loss of \$2,000,000 per month; Spain, a loss of \$2,000,000 per month, and Belgium, a loss of \$1,000,000 per month.

Of course it was a typographical error in the last issue of the Review that gave 700 ft. length to two steel steamers building at the Cleveland yard of the American Ship Building Co. for transatlantic service, and which are each to go to the seaboard in two parts. The vessels are to be of 7,000 tons capacity when in salt-water service, but their length is only 443½ ft. over all and 430 ft. keel.

MACHINERY OF NEW INTERNATIONAL LINERS.

[Special correspondence to the Marine Review.]

Glasgow, Scotland, July 1.—In the Review of May 2 last appeared a description of the steamer Haverford, building at the works of John Brown & Co., Ltd., Clydebank, Glasgow, for the International Navigation Co. of Philadelphia. The Haverford is nearing completion, and a sister ship, the Merion (both for New York-Southampton service), will be launched shortly. The description of boilers and engines. also built by John Brown & Co., who make machinery for all vessels they construct, was brief and some additional information on that score follows:

In each of these vessels there are two double-ended and two single-ended boilers. The double-ended boilers are 16 ft. 8 in, mean diameter by 19 ft. long, and the single-ended boilers are 16 ft. 8 in, mean diameter by 11 ft. long. Each of the double-ended boilers has eight furnaces and the single-ended boilers have four furnaces, being twenty-four in all. These furnaces are of the Morison suspension type, 34½ in. inside diameter, with the back ends made on the Gourlay-Stephen principle, whereby a defective furnace can be taken out of the boiler without disturbing any other part of it. The end plates of the boilers are all flanged inwards to meet the shell and the furnaces.

Each opposite pair of furnaces in the double-ended boilers has a common combustion chamber; and in the case of the single-ended boilers, each furnace has a separate combustion chamber. The combustion chambers are all securely stayed to the boiler shell and ends. The combustion chamber tops in the single-ended boilers are supported by girders in the usual way, while those in the double-ended boilers are supported by stays attached to the shell of the boiler. The end circumferential seams are double-riveted and the middle circumferential seams are treble-riveted. The double butt strap longitudinal seams are also treble-riveted with five rivets per pitch. The cross seams in the end plates are all double-riveted, and all the rivet holes were drilled after the plates had been bent and flanged and fitted together in place, after which they were taken apart and the burrs cleaned off the rivet holes.

The boiler tubes are all of iron, 7 ft. 5 in. long between the tubeplates and 3¼ in. external diameter. The common tubes are No. 7 I. W. G. thick and the stay tubes are ¼, 5/16 and ¾ thick, to suit their respective loads. The common tubes have the front ends swelled 1/16 larger in diameter than the back end, and the stay tubes have been staved up in a hydraulic press till the thickness at the screwed ends is the same at the bottom of the thread as the body of the tube. There is 11 in. clear space between the nests of tubes for access for cleaning. The boilers work under natural draft at a working pressure of 160 lbs. per square inch.

The main propelling machinery consists of two sets of vertical triple expansion engines of the usual inverted marine type, each cylinder driving a separate crank. The diameter of the high pressure cylinder in each set is 29 in., the diameter of the intermediate cylinder 461/2 in. and the diameter of the low pressure 75 in. with a stroke of 4 ft. 3 in. The slide valves are of the piston type for the high pressure, and of the flat-faced type for the intermediate and low pressure. The valve gear is of the double eccentric, double bar link motion. The air pumps are driven by levers off the crosshead of the intermediate cylinders. A direct acting steam reversing engine is fitted to each set of engines, and the levers of the reversing shaft are fitted with screw gear to admit of the adjustment of cut-off being made in one cylinder independently of any of the other cylinders. The cylinders, liners, covers, front and back columns, condensers and sole plates are all of cast iron, the condensers forming part of the main engine framing. All the shafting is of steel, and each crank shaft is of the built type, in three interchangeable pieces. The main bearings, thrust shoes and tunnel blocks are all lined with white metal. The propellers are four-bladed, the bosses of cast iron and the blades of man-

The auxiliary machinery consists of two centrifugal pumps for circulating the water through the main condensers; two vertical simple pumps with float gear, capable of feeding the boilers when working at full power; two ballast pumps; one sanitary and one fresh water pump, and also a donkey boiler feed pump. There are also a feed heater and filter and a very complete distilling plant. An Aspinall governor is fitted to each engine.

DISPOSAL OF STEEL SURPLUS.

The United States Steel Corporation, since its formation a few months ago, has been a merry subject for the trenchant pens of the European technical press. Scarcely an issue goes to press without an exhaustive treatise upon the affairs of the great corporation, and it is surprising, indeed, with what excellent knowledge they are discussed. At present it is the attitude of the great corporation towards the export trade that seems to interest them. This was one of the phases of the situation which they saw at the beginning and which they have since watched more or less closely. They find that Mr. Schwab has Carnegie's views on surplus—to sell abroad at whatever figure can be best obtained in order to keep production at the maximum. Engineering of London says:

Those good people who refused to believe that American manufacturers of pig iron and of steel billets, plates and rails would sell their productions at a loss in foreign markets, in order to gain a footing there and to relieve the domestic market, may be recommended to pay attention to the evidence given the other day by Mr. C. H. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, before the industrial commission, a body which has been sitting at Washington for a year or two past, for the purpose of investigating the industrial conditions of the United States with especial reference to the operation of trusts. Mr. Carnegie, when he was in business, called it the "law of surplus," and there is no denying that, in practice and from the point of view of the manufacturer as distinct from the home consumer, the practice has something to recommend it. Said Mr. Schwab before the commission: "Export prices are made at very much lower rates than those for domestic consumption, and there is no one who has been a manufacturer for any length of time who will not tell you that the reason why he made those prices even at a loss was to run his works fully and steadily." He added that a little of this unprofitable business is being done even now when the home demand suffices to absorb the production, but that the sole motive-except, presumably, in the case of the forward contracts entered into last year when trade in America fell away appreciably-is to keep in touch with foreign markets.

During the depression in the American steel industry in the spring of last year Mr. Schwab himself sold large quantities of steel for export, which he was almost unable to deliver when the time for executing the contracts came round, because of the revival which had meanwhile taken place in the home demand. The export business is assisted by the railway companies, who are often ready to reduce their rates on the carriage of goods to the seaboard when these are intended for export to foreign countries. The general proposition Mr. Schwab stated in these terms: "When we have as much as we can do at home, as we have today, we are not anxious to sell at low foreign prices; but when our mills are not running steadily, we will take anything, at any price, even if there is some loss in so doing, in order to keep running." The confession goes a very long way to account for the increase in exports of iron and steel and manufactures, especially during the last three years or so. The present production of pig iron is at the rate of 15,750,000 tons per annum, and if maintained, the result must be over-production. For orders for finished materials have gone off sharply, and while much of the pig now being turned out is in the execution of contracts covered some time back, there remains a balance which will in due course come over to Europe. It is probable that the country is unequal to the consumption of such an output as this even in brisk times, and as production in bad times does not decline to the same extent as the demand, one can look forward to enhanced consignments to this part of the world when the necessities of the case demand such a sacrifice. Under normal conditions of trade such an economic monstrosity would be impossible. But the United States Steel Corporation controls 60 per cent. of the country's total output of iron, and is consequently in a position to impose its own prices, the more especially as the independent producers find it to their interest to work in harmony with it; while both are aided by the tariff, which precludes all prospect of successful foreign competition on American soil.

There is a considerable party in the United States which argues that the country's economic policy has had nothing to do with the recent foreign trade developments that we have in mind; that a new country, rich in virgin resources, advantageously disposed, could not in any marked degree stimulate or retard through as long a period as a quarter of a century an industrial development so essential to its material welfare as that of iron and steel manufacture; that no artificial system of imposts operating as a scheme of indirect bounties was needed to give to great natural advantages an overshadowing importance in international trade; and that had this economic policy stood in the way of the normal development, it would have been overturned long ago. It seems tolerably clear to us, however, that the suddenly-acquired importance of America as a source of supply for manufactured goods is wholly due to this economic policy, which, whatever its promised and accomplished benefits, was not designed to foster international trade; and, in gauging the extent of the actual advance, it must be borne in mind that there has been an enormous amount of juggling with the figures of iron and steel exports-that the values are not those for which the goods are sold, but those prevailing in the domestic market, and that anyway the American manufacturer has not profited, because much of his export is sold at or under the cost of production. If the duties were removed, an entirely new condition of things would spring into existence, and American steel manufacturers would find themselves confronted with difficulties in the way of export, which, unfavorable to themselves, would undoubtedly benefit their home

It may be permitted to us to point out that Mr. Schwab's declaration before the industrial commission was not exactly consistent with his remarks in a recent issue of the North American Review in the course of a symposium on the subject of combinations and their incidence. In that symposium other giants took a part-Mr. Russell Sage, the Wall street banker; Mr. Charles R. Flint, treasurer of the United States Rubber Co.: Mr. F. B. Thurber, president of the United States Export Association; Mr. J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway; and Mr. James Logan, general manager of the United States Envelope Co. Monopoly and industrial tyranny, said Mr. Schwab, have been the popular conception of trusts and combinations. But in the larger application of the principle, it has been "proved that instead of grinding the workingman and victimizing the consumer it produced a higher standard of wages and a lower cost in the market." The idea is elaborated, and insisted upon throughout the argument. For instance, Mr. Schwab stated that "a combination, like an individual concern, can only hold its trade provided it gives the best goods at the lowest market price consistent with a reasonable profit;" Mr. Hill observed that "in self-defence the big concerns must keep their prices within the figure that will secure the greatest number of purchasers;" and the other gentlemen said the same thing in other words. The principles are as sound as the multiplication table. It is in the application that one sees reason for doubt as to the future. To aim at a fair price is laudable; but we want a clear definition of the word, if it is to be had. There is surely something wrong with a procedure which, by the aid of tariff boundaries, makes the domestic consumer pay much more for his goods than the man 3,000 miles away.

As a result of a defect in some of the automatic valves in a big new caisson which has been built for dry dock No. 3 at the New York navy yard the caisson sank, a few days ago, while it was being got into position. The caisson is used to close up the end of the dock. It is a big, hollow, iron vessel and was to have been floated until it fitted in the sill of the dock, when the valves would have been opened and it would have been sunk into position. Preparatory to towing the caisson to the end of the dock, it was decided to make a test of the automatic valves. Some of the valves would not shut after they had been opened and the caisson, filled with water, keeled over and sank, resting on its side in the mud near the end of the dock. It will, of course, be pumped out and floated after the valves are fixed, but the government will be very much inconvenienced on account of the delay. The dry dock, of which it is to form a part, is the one with which so much trouble has been had and which, on account of a series of mishaps, has been called the hoodoo dock. It is the largest in the yard, and was formerly built of wood. It was afterward changed to concrete.

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CHESTER AS A STEEL CASTING CENTER.

The Review in its last issue devoted some space to an historical account of Roach's Ship Yard, Chester, Pa., which was published in a souvenir edition of the Chester Times. The same edition also contained a pretty thorough account of the iron and steel industries at Chester. Indeed it is an excellent exposition of the industry of that thriving city and is far more accurate than is the ordinary run of newspaper "write-ups" of that character. With these manufacturing industries the Review is closely associated, because ships, during these latter days, need steel, inside and out, more than they need anything else. The Review, therefore, takes pleasure in giving more extended and direct circulation to the account not of the steel casting concerns alone but of other works associated with the building of ships.

We will begin with the Seaboard Steel Casting Co., which is the latest as well as one of the largest, and in whose extensive plant is incorporated the best ideas gained from the experience of years in the

steel foundry business. Following is its history:

The first steps toward the founding of the corporation were taken by Senator William C. Sproul in the fall of 1899, and during the winter following, Mr. Sproul succeeded in interesting capitalists in the project, so that by March 20, 1900, the necessary capital had been subscribed and the company was chartered. The desirable tract of ground, embracing three blocks on the river front, was purchased, and immediately plans were made to erect the extensive buildings and equipment necessary to make up the plant. Mirabeau Sims, who, while yet a young man, has had an experience covering many years as a steel foundryman, was elected superintendent, and gave his personal attention to the construction of the plant, the work being pushed forward with all possible speed and a record made in the short time occupied in getting the works ready for operation. C. M. Ryder was the engineer in charge and designed the furnaces, gas producers and construction. The main foundry building, 560 ft. in length and 110 ft. wide, contains the molding, flask building and chipping departments, in addition to the two 25-ton open-hearth furnaces for the manufacture of steel, and the iron foundry which is kept busy in adding to the equipment of the steel foundry, in providing flasks and other appliances. The machine shop, 280x60 ft., joins the foundry, and through this department the finished product of the foundry works its way to be treated by the various tools and machines in preparation for shipment. Adjoining this building and under the same roof is the power house, containing two high-speed engines directly connected with electric generators, the current from which supplies power to all the machinery in the various departments of the works. There are ten over-head traveling cranes operated by electricity and with a capacity of from ten to thirty tons each.

The Seaboard Company's transportation facilities are unexcelled, the tracks of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading railways both entering the yard and a wharf running to deep water in the Delaware river, is now being constructed. A large pattern warehouse, 60x130 ft. in dimensions, is now being erected. The products of the works include steel castings of every description, from a few pounds to forty tons in weight. The character of the material used and the care in molding and in the mixing and melting of the metal have already made the Seaboard steel castings very favorably known in the mechanical world. The officers of the company are: William C. Sproul, president; Joseph W. Cochran, secretary and treasurer; Mirabeau Sims, general superintendent, and D. G. Stokes, comptroller. The directors are Joseph Wharton, Isaac H. Clothier and Edwin S. Cramp of Philadelphia; J. Henry Cochran of Williamsport; Thomas H. Savery of Wilmington,

Del., and John B. Roach and William C. Sproul of Chester.

THE VULCAN WORKS.

The Vulcan Works, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in

the country, is thus described:

The late William H. Green, Sr., was induced to resign the office of chief engineer of the United States navy to take direction of the Globe Works at Boston. The new associations were not satisfactory to him, and about the year 1864 he built the Vulcan Works of Chester. For years they were uninterruptedly operated under his direction and after his death under the management of his son, William H. Green, Jr. The Vulcan Works have deep-water frontage on the Delaware river and sidings from the Pennsylvania and Reading railways enter the buildings, thus greatly facilitating the shipment of its output. In November, 1892, a charter was procured from the state. The stock of the company is held wholly by the family of the founder, William H. Green, Sr. The plant comprises an iron and brass foundry, machine and erecting shops, boiler and plate works, pattern shops and offices, with ample cranes and tracks for handling heavy material. The specialties made at the Vulcan Works comprise heavy iron and brass valves and cocks for waterworks, marine engines, rolling mills and steel plants, etc., and also the well known Jenkin's marine engine governors, as well as hydraulic pumps and presses, steam and hydraulic compressors, iron, brass and open hearth castings. Machinery outfits for a large number of steel works have been made at this establishment. Most of the governors used on the United States naval vessels have been made at these works and they have also been furnished in great numbers for merchant steamers. The officers of the company are: Vice-president, William H. Green, Jr.; the president's office has never been filled since the death of William H. Green, Sr.; secretary and designing engineer, E. T. Robb: treasurer, M. J. Green.

THE AMERICAN STEEL CASTING CO.

Following is the history of the American Steel Casting Co., which

operates large works at several points other than Chester:

The Standard Steel Co. was incorporated June 22, 1883, with Pedro G. Salom, president; William E. Trainer, vice-president; Richard Wetherill, treasurer, and John B. Roach, secretary. A tract of ten acres was purchased adjoining Thurlow station on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad, and the construction of the plant went forward so expeditiously that on March 1, 1884, the manufacture of steel by the open-hearth Siemens-Martin process was begun, seventy men being employed at that time. The business grew rapidly and in order to meet these conditions additional buildings were erected and 300 persons were given employment. In 1889 a steel rifle cannon was cast at these works:

bored and turned complete, which successfully stood the rapid firing test of ten rounds, the weight of the projectile being 100 lbs. and the muzzle velocity 2000 ft. a second. All the ordinary requirements demanded by the United States when trying ordnance of large calibre were fully met in the experimental tests applied to the Standard cast steel cannon but bureaucratic prejudices, notwithstanding the excellence of the results obtained by the tests, prevented the adoption of cast steel guns in the military and naval services of the general government. The incident, however, will enter into the history of American ordnance manufacture and due credit will be given the cast steel cannon made at Chester, the first of the kind in all the world, for steel cast guns will finally be adopted. In the casting of hollow steel shafts of upwards of 20,000 lbs. in weight, these works hold the world's record.

In 1892, the Standard Steel Company's plant in Chester was purchased by the American Steel Casting Co., which owns plants at Sharon and Pittsburg, at Alliance, O., and Syracuse, N. Y. The principal office of the company is located at the Standard works. The plants owned and controlled by the company, are among the best equipped for making steel casting in the United States. The output of these works consists of castings for all kinds of machinery, locomotive, marine and stationary engines, bridge materials, trolley line machinery, ships' stems, stern posts, rudder frames, struts, stern tubes and the like; ordnance and fortification fittings, and in fact, cover all articles to which steel castings can be applied. At these works were cast a number of Buffington-Crozer disappearing carriages for use in coast fortifications where heavy cannon are so mounted that, when in action, the gun rises when fired and disappears when being reloaded. The machinery carrying that kind of ordnance must be exact in construction, of the best material and workmanship. The carriages cast at the American works met the official tests so successfully that the ordnance bureau of the war department con-

gratulated the company on the good results obtained. The officers of the company are: President, Daniel Eagan; secretary, C. Foster; treasurer, J. H. D. Eagan; directors, Daniel Eagan, N. H. Laezelit, J. A. Middleton, C. I. Travelli, Robert Wetherill, T. H. Buhl and A. C. Wall.

THE TIDEWATER STEEL CO.

The Tidewater Steel Co., which was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, April 6, 1899, is one of the latest acquisitions of the industrial life of Chester. The company makes tank, shell, flange, firebox, ship and marine steel plates, foundry and basic pig iron and highgrade open-hearth steel ingots, billets and slabs. The output is a result of labor and careful study of new methods, improvements and perfected ideas having taken place from time to time until it represents the highest point of mechanical skill. The plant is very large, covering in its entirety about thirty acres of land, having a frontage of 820 ft. on the Delaware river, and is divided into different departments, the whole forming a complete and modern steel works. Every appliance necessary to carry on this line of industry is secured as soon as its practical adaptability has been proven. It has the finest of shipping facilities, large piers, allowing the largest vessels to load and discharge, while spurs of the Pennsylvania and Reading railways traverse the yard. The blast furnace, 17x70, is equipped with three fire brick hot blast stoves, and has a capacity of 150 tons of pig iron daily. In the open hearth department there are three 50-ton basic open hearth furnaces, all in operation, making a total capacity of 300 tons of steel ingots per day. In the plate mill department is one 112-in. three-high plate mill. It is fully equipped with run out and cooling tables, straightening machine, hydraulic shears, electric shipping cranes and every modern appliance for the economical handling of material. Its capacity is 200 tons of finished plate per day. The equipment of this department also includes a 72-in, three high plate mill, also thoroughly provided with all modern appliances. The daily capacity of this mill is 50 tons of light weight plates and sheets. The plant also includes a fine laboratory and testing department, a pumping station of large capacity, electric power and light stations and a wellequipped machine shop. Power is furnished by steam, electricity, hydraulic and air. About 700 workmen find steady employment. The output finds sale all over the civilized world, and consists of foundry and basic pig iron, basic open hearth steel ingots, billets and slabs, while a special feature is made of fire box, boiler, ship and tank plate. Plates can be rolled up to 2 in. in thickness, and in various widths and lengths. The officers and directors are: C. B. Houston, president; Paul Lamorelle, secretary and treasurer; Evans R. Dick, George S. Graham, C. B. Houston, A. S. L. Shields, George McCall, Charles A. Porter and Isaac N. Solis of Philadelphia, and F. W. Wood of Sparrows' Point, Md., directors.

THE CHESTER STEEL CASTING CO.

It is peculiar that although Henry Bessemer in 1856 had practically demonstrated that steel could be immediately made by passing cold air through liquid iron-a discovery that has revolutioned the iron and steel industry throughout the world and has done much to aid human progress -for nearly fourteen years no effort seemed to have been made toward practically applying the Bessemer process to steel casting in the United States. In the summer of 1870, the late William Ward chanced to meet Mr. McHaffy, a Scotchman, who had closely studied Bessemer's discovery, who had himself obtained some patent for steel casting, and who came to the United States, especially to bring the subject to the attention of American capitalists. Mr. Ward became interested in the project, and through his personal efforts a company was formed, which on Dec. 1, 1870, was incorporated under the title of the McHaffy Solid Steel Casting Co., and early in the following summer (1871) the first steel castings ever made in America, not alone the United States, were cast in Chester, an incident that will hold a place in the history of American industries. The public knew little about steel castings and it was only after persistent solicitation that even small orders could be obtained. The process itself was almost wholly new to most of the employes, and those in direction experimented rather than followed welldefined rules in the manner in which the work should be done. The parties who had invested capital in the enterprise were disappointed in the results. The experiments which had been made, however, were not without good results, for they directed attention to steel casting and the uses to which the process could be applied in the mechanical arts. Mr.

Ward never doubted the feasibility of the process or the benefits that would certainly follow when the difficulties in making perfect steel castings had been overcome. He interested himself in the formation of a new company with such success that on June 30, 1873, the Chester Steel Casting Co. was incorporated, and acquired the rights and plants of the McHaffy Solid Steel Co. Fortunately, about that time Frederick Baldt entered the employment of the new company, and under his direction excellent work was done. Castings made at Chester were put on exhibition in many of the large cities and in a number of cases medals were awarded the company, noticeably by the Franklin Institute in 1876 and the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, the same year. The public had to be educated to the superiority of steel castings and that the cost relatively was not in excess of ordinary iron castings. The Chester Steel Casting Co. bore the burden of teaching the people of the United States those two essential lessons. Today Chester, in the annual output of steel cast-

ing, leads all other localities in this country.

The demand for steel castings in this country grew rapidly-one of the educational results of the Centennial Exposition-and although other plants were established, the mother plant at Chester shared in the benefits that came with the constantly enlarging uses to which steel castings were applied. The Chester Steel Casting Co. was compelled to purchase additional land, and erect additional buildings, from time to time, until from the small beginning of 1871 the plant has grown until nearly ten acres of ground, dotted with enormous buildings, are necessary to keep abreast with the demands of its constantly enlarging trade. The company makes a specialty of heavy steel castings, such as sugar mill and rolling mill gearing, as well as all kinds of gearing, cross heads, rocker arms, driving boxes and other castings for locomotives; crank shafts of all sizes, car castings, mining machinery and the like. Indeed the works are adapted to make steel castings of any shape or size required. From the experimental plant of 1871 offering employment to only a half dozen workmen, the Chester Steel Casting Co. now carries on its roll more than two hundred persons receiving monthly pay exceeding \$7,000. The present officers of the company comprises: President and treasurer, E. P. Dwight; secretary, A. G. Lorenz; superintendent, G. V. Lewis.

THE PENN STEEL CASTING CO.

The Penn Steel Casting Co. derives its name from the fact that the works are located in the neighborhood of the Penn Memorial Stone, which marks the place where William Penn made his first landing in Pennsylvania, in 1682. The plant had its inception in an organization perfected on Sept. 24, 1886, under the title of the Chester Foundry and Machine Co. Large buildings were erected and fitted with the latest and best improved machinery then obtainable. Louis Miller, who at the outset was the general manager of the works, was the patentee of a steam and hydraulic cotton compress, which often, in large orders, required castings of great weight and unusual size. The plant was designed to accommodate all classes of work from the delicate and small pieces of machinery that entered into the construction of the Brotherhood patent high speed engines to the ponderous massive castings, calculated to withstand the enormous pressure that was required in the largest-sized Miller cotton compress. The enterprise for a time was conducted very successfully, and among the output were the engines. erected at the New Chester Water Co.'s pumping station. The depression that began in 1891 was severely felt by the Chester Foundry & Machine Co., whose capital was absorbed in the creation of the plant itself, hence when the evil times came, there was little reserved on which to draw in tiding over the stringency. The stock was mostly in the owner-ship of parties of limited means who could not respond to needed assessments on the shares to keep the works in active operation. The inevitable result under such conditions was a sale of the plant and personal

In 1892, the Penn Steel Casting Co. was organized with M. H. Bickley as president, Hugh Shaw, treasurer, John T. Dickson, secretary, and Frederick Baldt, manager. Although the times were depressed and the country on the eve of the longest period of business stagnation in the national history, the new organization after the purchase of the plant immediately began a costly addition. The labor and responsibility in effecting these changes in the works and the character of the output developed upon Mortimer H. Bickley, in the mechanical features ably seconded by Frederick Baldt, who is recognized throughout the United States as an expert in the manufacture of steel castings. All the financial management fell to Mr. Bickley, and he carried the enterprise successfully through the dreary period when the industrial energies of the nation seemed paralyzed, and even then the financial abilities of Mr. Bickley and the mechanical skill of Mr. Baldt had already placed the Penn Steel Casting Co. on a paying basis to be succeeded by a period of wonderful prosperity, while the stock of the company has quadrupled in value.

SOLID STEEL CASTING CO

The Eureka Cast Steel Co. was incorporated early in 1877. A tract of four acres was purchased and buildings erected. In September of the same year the first steel castings made by the "Eureka process" were successfully run and the new enterprise started under favorable auspices. The public by this time was educated to the innumerable uses to which cast steel could be applied in the mechanical arts, when the cost of the material, owing to Bessemer's discovery, was reduced to that of ordinary iron castings. Orders were not difficult to obtain and business was brisk at the works. For some cause many of the castings proved defective, and complaints were more numerous than commendations from customers. The management at length induced Frederick Baldt, who because of the excellence of his work at the Chester Steel Casting Co.'s establishment, was then recognized, as he is now, as among the foremost steel casting specialists and experts in the United States, to accept the superintendency of the Eureka plant. Under Baldt's supervision the castings were highly satisfactory, orders were easily obtained and expeditiously filled. The increasing volume of trade compelled from time to time costly additions to be made to the works, much of which was constructed after Mr. Baldt had in 1883 severed his connection with the company. The business depression of 1894 was severely felt by the Eureka Steel Casting Co., many of its accounts proved uncollectible and finally its plant was sold to the Solid Steel Casting Co. The new owners made many additions and are now running the plant to its capacity to keep abreast with the orders. Richard Peters, Jr., is president of the company, and Felton Bent is general manager.

THE AMERICAN STEEL CASTING CO.

The American Steel Casting Co. occupies about twelve acres of land. The plant is a large one and is divided into foundry, machine shop, chipping shop, pattern shop, the whole being fully equipped with the latest improved machinery and appliances necessary for the rapid production of a superior article. The manufacture of castings by this company is under the supervision of officers who have had years of experience, enabling them to produce a high grade of cast steel which sustains for the concern an excellent reputation with the trade throughout the United States.

TRUSCOTT BOAT MANUFACTURING CO.

"American builders of small steam and gasoline pleasure launches have nothing to fear in invading the foreign markets except the competition of other American boat builders. In all the large ports of the world the launches made in the United States are considered superior to those made in other countries. In meeting the home competition, therefore, the delay in getting their boats to the foreign purchasers is the only handicap which American builders have. Our company surmounts this by having regular agencies in Paris, London, Amsterdam and other large European ports, at which a full line of our boats is always on exhibition. As soon as an order is received at one of these agencies it is cabled to us without a moment's delay. It is then our aim to have the order filled as soon as the transportation conditions permit."

In these words James M. Truscott summed up the rules under which the Truscott Boat Manufacturing Co. of St. Joseph, Mich., has worked up a large export trade in pleasure launches. The Truscott company. as shown by a recent census of the boat industry, is the largest manufactory of boats under 63 it. in length on the chain of great lakes and of the hundreds of craft turned out by them every year scores find their way to foreign waters. The factory was founded at St. Joseph in the spring of 1891 by Thomas H. Truscott, who is a descendant of a long line of ship builders, reaching back without a break to the time of Oliver Cromwell. With his three sons, Henry, James and Edward, and a dozen carpenters, he has worked for two years in a rented building and built nothing but small sail boats. The company does in a day now almost as much business as it did the first year. The company has been unusually prosperous. When the plant burned down two years ago they built upon a more capacious basis than ever. The company now manufactures not only the hulls of the boats, but every article in them from the gasoline engines to the pennants. Over 300 workmen are employed. Thomas H. Truscott, the founder of the business, recently retired, leaving his son James M. Truscott as general manager.

CHIME AIR WHISTLES.

A chime air whistle, manufactured by the Gleason-Peters Air Pump Co., a concern that makes a specialty of devices of this kind for yachts and small vessels generally, is illustrated herewith. One of the illustrations shows the whistle with lever and valve connection as it is used

when an air tank is provided; the other, without lever and valve, is designed for hand pump connection. Different designs of whistles of this kind made by the Gleason-Peters company give to small craft that are not provided with steam all the practical advantages of large vessels on this score, in addition to the novelty of the whistles. This company's line of manufacture is varied and interesting. It includes pumps for all purposes where compressed air is required. Pumps for pneumatic wagon tires are installed and factories fitted up with storage tanks for the compressed air; also pumps and receivers for physicians, surgeons, dentists, etc.; hydraulic, hand or power, air pressure pumps for brewers, hotels,



yacht whistles and fog horns and for running air brushes for artists, photographers and draughtsmen; vacuum pumps, spray pumps, acid pumps, galvanized iron and drawn steel tinned tanks, copper riveted or soldered tanks, air cocks, pressure gauges, air regulating apparatus, flexible air tubing, and pipe for conveying air to and from storage tanks, nipples, couplings, etc., etc. Pumps, etc., for experimental purposes.

WHY GERMAN LINES LEAD IN FAST ATLANTIC SHIPS.

Andrew Carnegie, writing in the Nineteenth Century as to Great Britain's serious loss of the Atlantic express travel, says a few words will explain why this was inevitable, keeping in view Britain's environment. The British steamship lines sailing between Liverpool and New York convey passengers to and from Britain only, with her 41,000,000 of people. The German lines sailing from Bremen and Hamburg to New York draw first from the whole of Northern Europe, then touch at Southampton and draw part of the British travel, and, not content with this augmentation, crossing to Cherbourg, they draw from Paris and all southern Europe. Thus three fine streams of travel feed their enormous fast ships, the 300,000,000 of Europe are tributary to them, and homeward from America to Germany they draw all who wish to visit or have business with any of these millions, for the homeward ships touch also at Cherbourg, Southampton or Plymouth, and land passengers. Against this the British lines have only tributary to them 41,500,000 of people who desire passage to New York, and, returning from America to Britain, only those Americans who desire to visit the 41,500,000 for pleasure or business. It goes without saying that the German lines must inevitably lead in large, fast steamers. There is no cause for pessimism here, because British ship owners are neither unenterprising nor inefficient; they only show their good sense by recognizing the situation, and will hold more of the profit of Atlantic travel for Britain than if they attempted the impossible.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

MR. REGINALD A. FESSENDEN REVIEWS MR. MARCONI'S WORK AND SHOWS
WHAT THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU IS DOING.

A few weeks ago the Review published the gist of an address by Signor Marconi to the Society of Arts upon the subject of wireless telegraphy. Mr. Reginald A. Fessenden contributes to the Electrical World and Engineer a reply to Mr. Marconi, showing results which have been obtained by experiments by the United States weather bureau with wire-

less telegraphy. Mr. Fessenden says: Even an experimenter working along similar lines and finding a considerable number of devices which he had considered as peculiarly his own, described in the paper, may be pardoned for feeling a considerable degree of pleasure in reading the admirable communication recently made by Mr. Marconi to the Society of Arts. Mr. Marconi is certainly to be congratulated, not only upon the practical results which he has achieved but also upon the beauty of the methods employed. It is most certainly apparent that his method has now passed from the original crude stage to a practical and commercial one. It may be of interest to compare the results, at least some of them (for it would be inadvisable at present to publish more than a part) obtained on this side of the water by the United States weather bureau. These experiments were begun under the direction of the chief of the weather bureau, Prof. Moore, in January, 1900. Under his direction and with his approbation the subject was investigated from the beginning, with a view first to finding out definitely the nature of the phenomena and then devising means for utilizing the forces to best advantage. First will be described a number of cases in which the work of Mr. Marconi and that of the weather bureau has gone along parallel lines; secondly, the differences between the methods and results obtained as far as published, and lastly, an indication of work done by the weather bureau which has not been, so far as is known at present, duplicated. Naturally on account of commercial considerations it will not be possible to go into details so much as might be desired and for the present this deficiency must be excused.

The first point in which parallel results have been obtained is that concerned with the employment of larger capacities, more especially in the form of cylinders. Mr. Marconi describes the use of concentric cylinders, the inner one connected through a self-inductance to ground, and explains very clearly that in the case of wire conductors the oscillations rapidly die away and that with greater capacity we have a more persistent vibrator. The following quotation from one of the patent applications of the weather bureau experiments will show that in this respect the same result has been reached:

"The employment of simple wires having small capacity as sending conductors is objectionable, for the reason that the radiation is so rapid that there are very few oscillations in each discharge, and hence the inductive rise in voltage at the receiving station cannot attain sufficient value to permit of the use of inductive devices for arresting the potential at each station. By the employment of conductors having large capacity at the sending station, and by properly proportioning the self-inductance and resistance, the radiation from the conductor can be so controlled that there will be a large number of oscillations; for example, fifty or more at each total discharge. In other words, the discharge is so controlled that only a small fraction of the total energy is radiated at each oscillation. By thus extending the period of radiation, opportunity is afforded for the inductive voltage at the receiving end to rise to its full value. By increasing the number of oscillations for each total discharge from the sending conductor, and by adjusting the receiving system so that its natural periodicity corresponds, or approximately so, to the period of the electromagnetic waves, the distance of travel of the waves is not solely dependent upon the heights of the sending and receiving conductors as has heretofore been held." And the corresponding claim: "In a system of wireless telegraphy a conductor adapted to radiate electromagnetic waves, having its capacity, inductance and resistance so proportioned that only a relatively small fraction of the energy of the large conductor is radiated during a single oscillation, thereby preventing rapid vibrating in oscillations substantially as set forth."

As regards the details by which this is accomplished Mr. Marconi uses two concentric cylinders, the inner one having an inductance connected with it. The object of the inductance is not fully described, but Mr. Marconi lays great stress upon it. According to the writer's experiments the object of this inductance is three-fold. In the first place, as Mr. Marconi explains, it gives a difference in phase; secondly, it is only the outer conductor which radiates, and this radiates just as a simple cylinder of the same size would radiate if used as an ordinary vertical conductor, but for the fact that the oscillations are more persistent when the inductance is put in. For the formula for logarithmetic decrement contains the power, R, and hence we can decrease the decrement, i. e., render the oscillation more prolonged by increasing L. Also the two concentric cylinders act as a condenser, and this in combination with the inductance means that we really are shunting the spark-gap with a synchronous circuit of larger capacity, as was suggested by Dr. Pupin in his discussion of wireless telegraphy before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

In this respect the work has not been parallel, for while the patent application and the drawings described inductances used in this manner, the same effect has been obtained, not by increasing the denominator, but by decreasing the numerator of the fraction $\frac{R}{L}$. This has been done in three different ways which will be described at a later date. The advantage of this method is that whilst when we increase the denominator we decrease the period and also decrease the total amount of energy radiated per oscillation, if we decrease the numerator we keep the amount of energy radiated the same and do not change the period, while at the same time we make the logarithmetic decrement just as small as can be obtained with the inductance. This means a greater sending power with a given height.

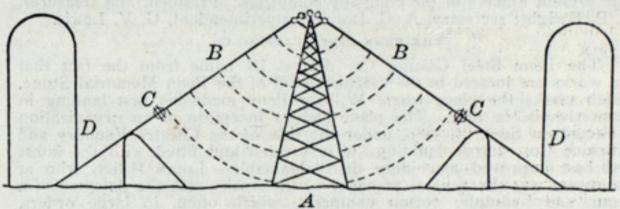
Another line in which parallel results have been obtained is in the tuning of the secondary of the receiving transformer. Mr. Marconi shows clearly the necessity of this, and we may compare this with the following statement from another of the patent applications:

"It has heretofore been impossible to make the receivers respond

solely to waves of one periodicity, as other periodicities, if above a certain power, will affect the receivers. By constructing the second conductor so that the oscillations for each total discharge are increased, and by employing at the receiving station two or more tuned circuits, a very perfect resonance or tuning between the stations can be obtained. With one tuned circuit at the receiving station and with conductors permitting a rapid radiation at the sending station, electrostatic and hysteresis effects become very prominent, and the great self-inductance desirable for sharp resonance cannot be attained. By employing two tuned circuits, one connected to the receiving conductor and the other secondary to the first, the electrical effect in the secondary will occur only when the resonance is very sharp." And the corresponding claim: "In a system of wireless telegraphy a sending conductor in combination with a prime conductor, including the receiving conductor and one or more secondary circuits controlled by the primary circuit; a transmitting device included in the last circuit of the series, the several circuits being tuned to correspond to the period of the second conductor substantially as set forth."

Here, however, there is another difference. Mr. Marconi makes the secondary of his coil equal to the height of the sending conductor. The writer makes it equal to twice the height of the sending conductor. Two explanations of this are possible: First, that Mr. Marconi uses the secondary wound in such a manner that the wire really has a longer natural period than if it were straight; secondly, that he is really working with the first overtone. I have found that the overtones are very pronounced, more especially when the spark length is slightly longer than that generally used. There may be some other cause not at present known, but all the writer's experiments seem to show that the wave length is really four times the length of the vertical conductor and not twice.

Another difference consists in the form of the radiating conductor. Mr. Marconi uses concentric cylinders, but in the weather bureau experiments simple cylinders were at first used. Later these were replaced by conductors of the form shown in the accompanying sketch, in which A is a tower, BB are cables insulated from the tower at its top, CC are insu-



lated strain insulators, and DD ropes boiled in an insulating compound. The spark or other apparatus is placed at the top of the tower and the waves go out, as shown by the dotted lines. This kind was later superseded by a third form, and this kind by a fourth, which will be referred to later.

Another case in which parallel work was done is that in which a Thomson high-frequency coil (commonly called a Tesla coil, but in reality first brought out in its present form by Professor Elihu Thomson) was used. Unfortunately, however, some other modifications are used with it, which, as the patents have not been granted, it will be impossible to describe at present. The writer's experiments show plainly that Mr. Marconi's remarks on Professor Slaby's work are justified, and that much better results can be obtained by the Marconi methods.

Lastly, with respect to the general direction in which the work of the weather bureau has progressed. In the first place, it has been found possible in several ways to get over the old difficulty which troubled Hertz, and later experimenters, i. e., that when the spark length was increased beyond a certain length the discharge become no longer oscillatory. An electrical device was invented which, on being applied directly to the sending wire, measured directly the amount of energy radiated. A curve was then plotted, showing the relation between spark length and energy radiated, and it was found that the curve gave a sharp bend with a spark about one inch in length, and no further increase of radiation could be obtained. Different kinds of coils with different primaries and secondaries, different methods of producing the voltage, different kinds of gases and fluid insulators in which the balls were immersed, and different kinds of arrangements of the terminals were tried, but all without success. But finally the solution was found, with the result that with the later apparatus an amount of radiation sixteen times as great as that got with the ordinary 12-in. coil and 1-in. spark was obtained. This means, of course, greater sending distance, and it may be mentioned here that transmission without the use of transformers, inductive devices, cylinders or any other apparatus for raising the voltage, has been accomplished over a distance of 50 miles without using more than a fraction of the available energy. The same result was also accomplished in two other ways.

The question of high conductors has proved a rather serious one, because, as Mr. Marconi has pointed out, if we use large surface conductors, though they may be short, yet they are objectionable on account of the wind pressure. Means for overcoming this are described in some of the patent applications, but the method was finally abandoned because means have been found by which a conductor only one meter high can be made to radiate as much energy and of the same period as a conductor 100 meters high. Another difference again has been the fact that it has been found necessary to differentiate in form between the receiving and sending conductors, i. e., to have the receiving conductor with more self-inductance and less capacity than the sending conductor.

Other work done by the weather bureau has been along the line of producing a non-interfering system. The admirable and beautiful work of Mr. Marconi has resulted in a system by which within certain limits messages can be sent without interference. But one great objection has been found in the weather bureau experiments to this method, although it is described in some of the earlier patents of the weather bureau experimenters. That is, that while it is no doubt possible, under certain conditions, to send and receive individual messages, yet by connecting two brass semi-circles to a motor revolving at several thousand revolutions per minute, it is possible to make what may be called an electrical siren which runs up and down a scale of seven or eight octaves several thousand times a minutes, and which, as at some period of the scale it

gives a note corresponding to any given syntonized receiver, is consequently able to stop all communication, when used in conjunction with the apparatus for strengthening the radiation, within a radius of 500 miles or so. Consequently this method has been superseded by several other methods which permits of selective signaling, no matter how strong the interfering radiator may be or how close it may be, even approaching the interfering radiator within a few feet producing absolutely no effect.

The parallel manner in which a considerable part of this work has been done may possibly be taken as evidence of the fact that the matter has now got down to a sound scientific base. Mr. Marconi and his eminent colaborateur, Dr. Fleming, are certainly to be congratulated on the results they have so far achieved, and no one joins more heartily in wishing them the best of success than the writer. The future of wireless telegraphy in their hands is certainly assured, and it cannot be many years before Mr. Marconi will see the great system which he was the first to see the points of and to put in practical form, in as universal use as our present methods of telegraphy.

THE MIGHTY OCEAN LINERS.

The mightiest and swiftest fleet of merchantmen in the world weaves its way through the deep but devious channel leading to the Narrows, New York harbor's picturesque gate to the sea, writes Samuel A. Wood in Ainslee's magazine. The value of these matchless craft is close upon \$150,000,000. More than a third of this amount is represented by twentyfive magnificent twin-screw ships, including the Oceanic of the White Star line, the Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and the Kronprinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd line, the Cunarders Campania and Lucania, and the American liners St. Louis and St. Paul. Besides the immense cargoes that this transatlantic fleet discharges at the great piers of the metropolis, it lands yearly from 125,000 to 140,000 voyagers, mostly returning Americans, in the first and second cabins, and from 350,000 to 500,000 steerage passengers, nearly all immigrants. More colossal cargoes are carried away from than are brought into the port of New York, chiefly in the abysmal holds of mammoth twin-screw carriers like the White Star liner Cymric, the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, and the North German Lloyd liner Grosser Kurfurst.

It is estimated that the cost of all the passenger and cargo carriers in service between Europe and the Atlantic ports of America is close upon \$250,000,000. If the interests of the great lines in the Atlantic, Pacific and interoceanic trades were merged in a maritime trust the actual wealth represented would be not less than \$1,000,000,000. The wealth of the greatest steamship company in the world, the Hamburg-American line, as represented by ships and piers, runs over \$50,000,000. It employs on its fleet about 7,000 persons, and gives employment on land to nearly 9,000. The next line in importance, measured by its wealth, is the North German Lloyd, which, like the Hamburg-American, is capitalized at \$20,000,000. This, however, does not represent more than half the value of its property. Its new piers in Hoboken, which it owns, will have cost, when completed, \$2,500,000. The Hamburg-American line's piers, in the same city, are worth about half this amount. All the other great lines, except the Holland-America, which has its landings in Hoboken, rent their piers from the city of New York. The revenue New York derives from the rental of piers to the Cunard, the White Star, the American, the Atlantic Transport, the French, the Leyland, the National and other lines is nearly a million dollars annually. The White Star line pays the largest rental, \$217,000; the Cunard line is next, with \$120,000, and the American line third, with \$88,131.

Nearly all the famous liners of the world are twin screws. There are, however, a few remarkable single-screw ships which are nearly as swift as some of the great twin screws. Notable among them are the Cunarders Etruria and Umbria, which were launched, respectively, in 1884 and 1885. They did not develop top speed until they had been almost fifteen years in service. The White Star liners Germanic and Britannic, which were built in 1874, and are, therefore, among the oldest single screws affoat, have made quicker trips from Queenstown within recent years than they did when they were new. The characteristics of the White Star single screws are their steadiness and durability. Representatives of the line say that the Britannic will be just as good as she is today probably ten years hence. These ships will doubtless be the last single screws of the White Star line. The single screws have old types of engines that are heavy coal consumers, and, in case of the breaking of a shaft, they are practically at the mercy of the elements. The twin screw is comparatively economical in the use of coal, considering her great speed. Her propellers may be used to steer in case the steering gear gives way, or the rudder is smashed by the slapping of the seas under the counter. There have been several instances when, on account of damaged steering gear or rudder, the twin ship has guided herself nearly half way across seas by her propellers alone.

The value of the screws as an accessory to steering has been frequently demonstrated. The most notable case, in which the Hamburg-American liner Normannia (now the French liner L'Aquitaine), barely missed destruction by collision with an iceberg, occurred during her maiden trip, on May 27, 1890. The bergs had been drifting down into the steamship lane, enveloped in fog, for several weeks. Capt. Charles Hebich, the commander of the Normannia, thought he was steering a course far below the perilous iceberg region. The liner was steaming at the rate of about 17 knots when the lookouts on the forecastle saw a great three-peaked ice spectre materialize from the mist. Capt. Hebich, who was on the bridge, observed the vision at about the same time that the lookouts forward, shouting warning to the commander, ran aft for their lives. The commander shivered a bit as he pictured the destruction of the ship against the wall of ice. He ordered the helm put hard over. Then he ran to the lever controlling the signal to the starboard engine room and signaled to the engineer to stop the great machine and reverse at full speed. The ship swung as if she were pivoted, just grazing with her port side the precipitous wall of the berg. The port quarter gangway was smashed by thirty tons of ice that toppled on the deck, and some of the plates on the port quarter were bent. Capt. Hebich said that if his ship had been a single screw there would have been little hope for her and the 1,300 souls aboard her. One propeller rushing one way at full speed and the other churning the other way, with the aid of the rudder, turned the ship within her own length.

The first twin screw passenger steamship constructed in Germany was the Auguste Victoria, built by the Vulcan Co. in 1889, and since lengthened 60 ft. by Harland & Wolff at Belfast, giving her the aspect of a new ship. Her designers learned their trade in British ship yards, and outclassed their instructors. The Hamburg-American line's fleet consists of 109 ocean craft of about 600,000 tons employed in the North American, South American, Chinese, Japanese and East and West Indian trades. The North German Lloyd's tonnage is more than 500,000. The British line owning the largest tonnage is the Peninsular & Oriental, generally known as the P. & O., which has fifty-eight ships of 313,392 tons, all employed in the East Indian, Australian and Chinese trade. While the tonnage of the world is overwhelmingly British, the Germans are making an effort to drive the red merchant ensign from many seas, and their steam tonnage is growing with wonderful rapidity. They imported most of their tonnage less than two decades ago, chiefly from British yards. They have now seventeen great ship building yards, employing 51,000 workmen. The output of the yards is constantly increasing, and they have been taking on new men at the rate of two or three thousand a year. Mr. Lockroy, former minister of marine in France, declared recently that he believed Germany would become eventually the greatest ship building country in the world, because of the fostering care of the government, its energy in improving its harbors and the natural and artificial advantages of the country.

The British ship builders themselves do not seem to fear German competition as much as they do that of the United States, which is reassuming its ante-bellum glory as a builder of ships, not only for Americans, but for the outside world. It is almost an axiom that the merchant marine of a nation increases in proportion to her development as a naval power. This is true of the United States. A number of her new ship yards were started chiefly to get the contracts for constructing naval vessels, for which Uncle Sam pays with unsurpassed liberality, provided all requirements are fulfilled. Less than 10 per cent. of the American exports are carried in American bottoms, and there are only about 100 American steamships in the foreign trade. The largest of these, the St. Louis, St. Paul, Philadelphia and New York, belong to the International Navigation Co., better known as the American line. The St. Louis and St. Paul, built by the Cramps, of Philadelphia, are the swiftest merchantmen flying the Stars and Stripes. They are economical coal consumers and steady ships in a gale.

It was printed frequently just after the swift Cunarders came out that they were not paying ships. This was believed by representatives of the German lines, but it is not so. The sea express—even so mighty a coal consumer as the Deutschland—does pay, and pays well, in the season when traffic is heaviest on the Atlantic. It is estimated that it costs the Hamburg line about \$45,000 to run the Deutschland across seas. The largest item of expense is that of coal. She sends through her four monumental funnels every trip vapor representing \$5,000. Then there is the bill for lubricating oil, and the cost of the ship's immense laundry. In the seasons when the cabins and the steerage are crowded, the ship's washing usually consists of nearly 24,000 pieces, including table linen, blankets, sheets and the coats of the stewards. The laundry bills for a single trip vary according to the number of passengers carried, from \$300 to \$500. There are only two ships in service that do their washing aboard—the cruising yacht Prinzessin Victoria Luise and the excursion steamship Auguste Victoria, both of which have electric laundries. Next to the cost of coal is the expenditure for wages. The board of the Deutschland's crew of 557 persons, the cost of providing her 700 or more cabin passengers with meals, the wages of the commander, her officers and the chief engineers help to swell the list of expenses. The commanders of the German ships receive more pay than those of either the American or British lines., Aside from their regular wages, which range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 a year, they have a share in the earnings of their ships. On the British lines the captains receive from \$1,500 to \$6,000 a year, with perquisites. If, at the end of the year, a British commander's ship has met with no accidents, he gets a bonus. The British lines think this system of reward has a tendency to make commanders more careful. The pay of an engineer on the German lines ranges from \$1,200 to about \$2,500 a year. The pay of the British engineer does not differ materially from these figures, but he also receives a bonus if his engines run without accident during the year.

DIFFICULT WORK AT SEA.

A special dispatch from Victoria, B. C., says that the officers and crew of the Norwegian tramp steamer Guernsey succeeded in performing a difficult job of repairs at sea. Losing their propeller and shaft in mid ocean they shifted the cargo until the stern of the boat was tilted high in the air and then put in a new propeller and shaft. The captain of the Kaga Maru reported at Victoria that he sighted the Guernsey July 1 far out in the Pacific. Her captain came alongside and said they had broken their tail shaft and lost their propeller. Fortunately, under regulations of the underwriters which compel such vessels to carry an extra shaft and propeller, these were on board, but the difficulty of shipping them was so great as to appear almost insurmountable. Favored by calm weather and quiet-sea, however, the captain decided to make the attempt. The ship being in ballast, her cargo was moved forward until her bow was deep in water and her stern was elevated with the propeller shaft clear of water. Rafts were improvised and a nine-ton propeller lowered. The propeller shaft was placed in position without great difficulty, but the swell of the ocean and crude appliances at hand made the task of shipping the screw very difficult. Repeated attempts only resulted in failure, until finally by the skipper's orders two opposite blades were cut off. Thus lightened, the screw was at last got into position, and Capt. Kroghanson expected to get under way with his dual bladed propeller the next day. The Kaga Maru was detained for about an hour and a half by the incident, when, as she could be of little service, she steamed away.

The Clyde line steamship Comanche has been taken to Cramps, Philadelphia, where she will be cut in two and lengthened 48 ft. She is at present 326 ft. in length and 42 ft. beam.

Green's ship yard, Bridgeport, Conn., is building a four-masted schooner to be known as the Perry Setzer.

BURDENS OF ENGLISH MANUFACTURERS.

The Review had occasion last week to call attention to the fact that Andrew Carnegie and Arthur Chamberlain had made speeches in England encouraging the English manufacturer and telling him not to fear American competition in spite of the superior natural advantages. We are now enabled to give the greater part of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, which was delivered at Birmingham. The competition of Europe and the United States he regarded largely as the bogey of politicians and newspaper paragraphists. For him it had very few terrors. Individual businesses, no doubt, waxed and waned, but British manufacturers were never as a whole, it appeared to him, more confident, more energetic, more successful, and-perhaps he ought to say this in a whisper-more wealthy. He should be the last to deny that foreign competition had its dangers and foreign competitors their advantages, but the restrictive tendency of modern legislation had more terrors for him than all the competition of the foreigner. The United States no doubt had its advantages. Its chief advantages he took to be a protected home market with about double England's population and a large measure of freedom to work out their own ideas without all that grandmotherly legislation from which the British manufacturer suffered. The home market was the mainstay of every manufacturing industry. Unless they had a large demand for their products at home they were not in a position to compete successfully with anyone abroad. There was no doubt protection was a great advantage to the manufacturer and, therefore, a great advantage to their competitors in the United States. He did not say protection was an advantage to the country, but he was sure it was an advantage to the manufacturer of any country. What happened to the agriculturists, the professional classes, the consumers, was no affair of his, but that protection would give manufacturers largely increased opportunities of making profit he was perfectly sure. Therefore he realized that in England they suffered in proportion from the absence of a protected market at home, and that, although he did not specially complain of it, it ought to be borne in mind by their critics when they referred to the occasional success of their rivals. He did not consider that England suffered any disadvantage by reason of deficient education. As a matter of fact, he would not exchange Birmingham workpeople for those of any other country on the face of the earth. He could not help thinking that the craze for education would disappoint its votaries. There was a tendency in it to spoil good workmen in order to make bad managers who were not wanted. For ninety-nine out of every 100 the workshop was the best and cheapest education. There was only room under modern conditions for a very few experts and for still fewer masters, and those who were endeavoring consciously or unconsciously to make all masters were endeavoring to rear a cone on its point.

There was an immense amount of talk and writing, and it was extraordinary to notice how small a part the real English manufacturers took in the discussion. The politician, the philanthropist, and the newspaper man told them how ignorant, how depressed, and decadent they were, but the manufacturers kept silent, they paid the income-tax, and the income-tax continued to increase. True they suffered from disadvantages from which their competitors were free, but they were disadvantages which were due to the same politicians and philanthropists, and in spite of them there never was a time in the history of the country when the manufacturers found employment for so many people, nor when they paid on the whole such high wages nor when they made on the whole such large profits. Who were the manufacturers who were depressed? Was it the coalmasters? Surely not. Was it the ironmasters? Only a year or two ago they were having the best period they had ever had in their history, or at all events for a long time. Was it the ship owners, was it the engineers, of whom it was complained that they were so busy that they could not execute orders in a reasonable time? Was it the electricians or the chemical manufacturers? As a manufacturer he moved among manufacturers, but he could not meet with the manufacturers of whom he read in the newspapers as being depressed and unable to meet the competition of the world. It was true they had burdens and he would call attention to two burdens from which they suffered in a greater degree than their foreign competitors. They suffered from railway rates and strikes, but he thought manufacturers were quite capable of managing these matters for themselves without outside interference, but the burdens they were incapable of dealing with were imposed on them from outside.

The first burden was the constant interference with methods and management that was now introduced by parliament and the local boards. The cost of all they bought unless they bought abroad, and the cost of all they made and of all that they sold, whether they sold at home or abroad, was largely increased by harassing legislation. They were inspected to death, and they were hampered at every step. As an instance, electric tramcars and tram-lines and the electric industries generally had been largely strangled by the interference of the home office and the local boards, and as the result they had to go to the United States, where the industry had been allowed to attain its full power, for information as to the best machinery and the best methods in that department of industry. This was due to no deficiency on the part of English manufacturers, but to the interference of parliament and local bodies. The effect was to destroy initiative, to discourage invention, and to diminish the sense of individual responsibility. There was no amount of education, no amount of book-learning that would make up to the people for the loss of grit that was caused by all this outside nursing and interference with them. The other burden was the great and increasing rates. The rates, for whoever's benefit they were levied, were certainly not levied for the benefit of the manufacturers. He could not find that the local rates they paid were the slightest use to them. The company paid in England over £2,500 a year in local rates. In Ireland they paid for the same rates £80 a year, yet for manufacturing facilities and for the health and comfort of their workpeople they were not a penny the worse off where they paid only £80 than in England, where they paid considerably over £2,500. He pointed out that in addition they also paid the rates of their workmen's houses, but added that the money loss on rates was nothing as compared with the burden of official interference. He compared the cost of manufacture forty years ago, when the competition of the foreigner was not regarded as of the slightest importance, with the present day. What economies could be effected if the manufacturer could carry on his business free from local boards and by-laws, free from sanitary inspectors,

free from smoke inspectors, free from chemical inspectors, free from school board inspectors, free from home office inspectors, and factory inspectors-free from the whole brood of officials who, not being producers themselves, lived on the produce of manufacturing industry and strangled it. The irony of the position was that these very politicians and philanthropists who had imposed all these burdens on them were now asking why they could not compete as they used to do with freer nations. Lord George Hamilton said the explanation was the deficient education of the manufacturers. It never occurred to him to find it in the mischievous activity of legislators, of whom he was a conspicuous ornament. At this time of day it was useless to ask that this legislation might be repealed, but they might ask that its progress should be stopped. Nor was it too much to ask that it should be taken into account in comparing their work with that of their competitors, and at least those local bodies who were responsible for so much of the burden should remember it before they placed with the foreigner orders that were required for home consumption. The Newcastle corporation had just bought 1,000 tons of American rails because they were 3d a ton cheaper than those made in the North of England. They effected a saving of £12 10s. on the order, but he asked his hearers if they did not think that a great deal more than this was represented to the British manufacturer by outside interference. He thought the railway companies might consider when they placed orders for locomotives abroad on the score of cheapness how far their rates and charges were responsible for some of the cost in the English manufacturers' locomotives.

He had pointed out what he considered to be the real dangers to British manufacturing supremacy. Surely it was not much to ask that they should be let alone. At the same time, he did not admit that up to now there was anything to give them cause for anxiety, so great was the energy and industry of the English manufacturer, and so superior the people who worked for him. If the loss of British manufacturing prestige should ever occur it would be due to the comparative freedom enjoyed by the foreigner and to the continually increasing restrictions that were

suffered by manufacturers in this country.

FAMOUS LIGHT-HOUSES AND LIGHT SHIPS.

(From the Boston Herald.)

Among other government enterprises Uncle Sam is in the light-house business, and, like everything else that he touches, he has developed it to a remarkable extent, for, when he took over the light-houses from the different states in 1789 their number was only eight. Now he has about the biggest stock in trade of any government in the business. He has a tremendous coast line to light. It figures up 9,959 miles, including the great lakes, exclusive of the Ohio, Missouri and Mississippe rivers, and he maintains more than 2,000 lights and about 4,500 fog signals, buoys, monuments and beacons, which are summed up under the general term of unlighted aids to navigation. The light-house board of the United States. which is charged with the supervision and care of all these, ranks high among the light-house establishments of the world. Probably, in point of practicability, smoothness, of administration and readiness to adapt itself to any emergency which may be presented, it is first among all lighthouse establishments. Certainly none other has had so many varying problems to meet, for in the planning and erection of light-houses our enormous coast line has presented many different conditions of locality.

There are light-houses and light-houses, and the light-house board has had to determine just what kind of light-house would do for each particular point, and in perfectly adapting each structure to its site the light-house board of the United States probably has been obliged to erect more different kinds of light-houses than the establishment of any foreign government. The solid granite structures of the New England coast would never do for the submerged coral reefs of Florida or for the jetties of the Mississippi; nor, on the other hand, would a lantern hung by a nail from a tree, which actually constituted for many years one of the lights of the Mississippi river. suffice for the precipitous cliffs of the Pacific. In fact, in order to thoroughly and systematically light the coast of ocean, gulf, lake and river, our light-house board had to apply an enormous amount of scientific thought in solving many difficult problems.

On the coast of Maine is a series of lights built on rock and of native granite. The sites and the material were on hand, like coal and iron in Pennsylvania. These light-houses are extremely beautiful features of the coast. With their gracefully sweeping lines, which, however, do not interfere with the impression of solidity; with the original gray deepened by the stain of numerous storms, the brunt of which they have gallantly sustained, they seem to have grown out of the very rocks on which they rest. Among the most typical of these Maine light-stations are the twin towers on Matinicus rock, far out in the entrance of Penobscot bay. Rugged though their aspect is, they have been the scene of one of the prettiest love romances in the annals of the service. In 1861 the then keeper, Capt. Burgess, was relieved by Capt. Grant, who brought a son with him as an assistant. Capt. Burgess had a daughter named Abby. who for many years had helped him in the care of the lights, and was perfectly versed in everything pertaining to them. During one winter, when Capt. Burgess had gone over to Matinicus island for supplies, a severe storm sprang up, and lasted so long that for several weeks he was unable to get back. His wife was an invalid, and during this trying period Abby, then a mere slip of a girl, not only tended the lights, but looked after the comfort of her invalid mother and several younger brothers and sisters, cheering them up during the stormy days and nights. When Capt. Grant and his son came to the rock Capt. Burgess left his daughter, Abby, there to assist the newcomers awhile and instruct them regarding certain peculiarities of the lights. Perhaps it is not at all strange that the younger Grant proved a very apt pupil, for Miss Abby was a very attractive teacher -so attractive, in fact, that when her pupil had learned to take care of the lights he persuaded her to allow him to take care of her for the rest of her life, a proposition to which she assented. Including the eight years she had already been on the rock and the subsequent period she remained there with her husband, it was her home altogether for twenty-two years.

The most famous light-house on the American coast is that on Minot's ledge, off Cohasset, on the coast of Massachusetts. It is the American Eddystone, for Minot's ledge light-house rises right out of the sea. The rock which forms its foundation is entirely submerged, and in a northeasterly storm the light-house is absolutely exposed to the full force of the Atlantic ocean. The first light-house which was erected on

which burst over the coast in 1851 it was overthrown, and the two keepers on it perished. This was the greatest tragedy in the history of the American light-house administration. The present granite structure was begun in 1855, and finished in 1860. Owing to the exposure of the site work could be carried on there only during the summer, and even then there were two summers when only 130 working hours could be had.

However, life on Minot's ledge is agreeable, compared with existence on the Nantucket shoals light-ship, which is 43 miles out at sea from Sankaty Head, Nantucket. This light-ship is a tossing, rolling island, entirely out of sight of land, and the crew are cut off from friends and family for eight months during the year. Words are almost inadequate to describe the constant motion of this vessel. Being anchored over the shoal, she is as helpless as a dismantled hull at the mercy of wind and waves. She simply reels and rolls and staggers around her moorings. Now she is on the crest of a tremendous wave, now plunging into the valley, now rearing up on her stern, now pitching forward, now rolling—never for a moment, apparently, on an even keel.

On the Long Island and Jersey beaches and on some of the southern sands are the tall and graceful structures of which the Fire Island, Barnegat and Bolivar (Texas) beacons are good types. The Carysport reef light-house, off the Florida coast, is a typical coral reef light. It is built on screw piling, which is screwed down into the submerged coral and forms a skeleton foundation for the platform, on which rests the keeper's dwelling, and for the iron cylinder, which rises above this to the watch room and the lantern. A somewhat different type of screw pile light is the Northwest reef, while the South Pass is interesting as being built on one of the famous jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

The most noted light station on the Pacific coast is that of Tillamook rock, 70 miles south of the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon. The rock rises in isolation to a height of 92 ft. above the sea, yet the spray of breaking waves often is hurled higher than the summit, and the sea around the base of the rock usually is so turbulent that the keeper has to be lowered in a cage or basket and suspended in mid-air over the water to report to the visiting light-house tender on the condition of himself and his assistants. During one heavy storm a wave loosened two pieces from the side of the rock near the summit, and hurled them on the roof of the keeper's dwelling. The weight of these fragments and of the wave tore a large hole in the roof, and the wave flooded the building and knocked down two interior walls, throwing three rooms into one. The focal plane of the lantern is 136 ft. above the sea, yet during the storm loosened pieces of rock broke eleven panes of glass 3 ft. long and 38 in. thick, and the light was put out by the waves.

Such are some of the experiences which the keepers of lights on the exposed stations of the United States are obliged to pass through. In all emergencies they bear themselves bravely. They are heroes of peace, and Uncle Sam may well be proud of the nephews and nieces who tend his lights.

OUTPUT OF MAINE SHIP YARDS.

SUMMARY FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1901-VARIOUS ITEMS FROM SEABOARD YARDS.

In the first six months of 1901 Maine ship yards rurned out about 25,000 tons net and 28,000 tons gross of new vessels, which indicates that the total for the year will be in excess of that of 1900. The New England output is, of course, largely of wooden vessels. The returns for the six months ending June 30 show that Bath has launched 23,865 tons gross of all classes of vessels, while other ports have launched 5,000 tons, the latter mostly wooden vessels of the schooner kind. Bath's new list includes ten schooners aggregating 12,000 tons; seven barges, 7,684 tons; one ship, 2,288 tons; one tug, 650 tons; one steamer, 153 tons. The single ship in the list is the Acme, a steel four-master for the Standard Oil Co. Some of the barges-the Cardenas, Matanzas, Havana and Sagua-are among the largest wooden vessels of that type ever built, carrying 3,000 tons of coal each. They are for the coal trade of Philadelphia to Cuba, and a steel tug, the Cuba of 650 tons, has been built expressly to tow them. Vessels now under construction at Bath include the steel ship William P. Frye, about 3,000 tons; five schooners aggregating about 8,500 tons; the United States monitor Nevada, the cruiser Cleveland, the torpedo boat Biddle and some lesser craft, while the Bath Iron Works has contracts for the battleship Georgia and a large steel yacht for A. S. Bigelow of Boston. At other ports in Maine-Waldboro, Rockland, Camden, Belfast, Bucksport, Millbridge and Machias-large schooners are in process of construction and the aggregate of merchant tonnage now on the stocks is not far from 20,000 tons.

The Tacoma Ship Building Co., Tacoma, Wash., has secured a contract from E. J. Dodge of San Francisco, Cal., for a steam schooner, complete except machinery, of following dimensions: Length keel, 150 ft.; beam, 34 ft.; depth, 12 ft. She is to be used as a lumber carrier and is to be delivered Oct. 15. Mr. John B. Hardy of Tacoma has just finished the machinery for the steamer Defiance. Mr. Hardy says the Defiance is the best small vessel that has yet been built on the Sound. She is fitted for a passenger and mail route, with small freight space. Dimensions are 102 ft. by 22 ft. by 8 ft. The hull was built by Crawford & Reid. Engines are triple expansion with cylinders of 10, 16 and 25½ in, diameter by 16 in. stroke. The boiler is of the Scotch marine type, 7 ft. 6 in, by 10 ft. The speed is to be 14 miles an hour.

Nearly \$2,000,000 is now available for expenditure in improvement at the Charlestown navy yard. This estimate is exclusive of over \$1,000,000 which is now being spent in constructing the immense new dry dock. The contemplated improvements include a complete set of manufacturing shops fitted with modern machinery, a system of fire protection, new lighting, heating and drainage systems and new piers.

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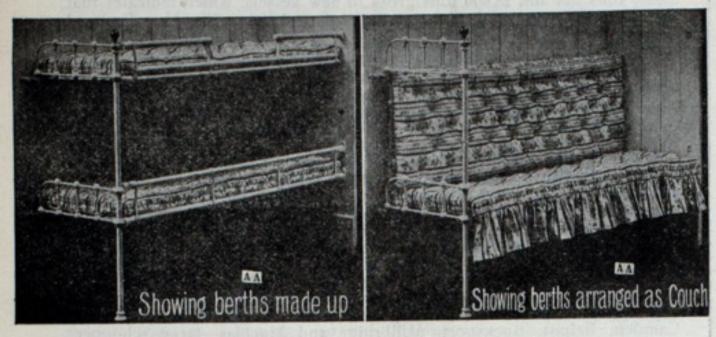
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SPECIAL TYPES OF BERTHS FOR SHIPS.

A special type of steamship berth, made by Lein, Irvine & Co. of No. 328 East Twenty-third street, New York, is illustrated herewith. This is not, of course, the berth of most elaborate design made by the New York firm, as they provide high-grade brass beds and most elegant berths for the finest of transatlantic liners, but this type is especially suited to ordinary quarters on passenger vessels. It is now being fitted in two



vessels for the Old Dominion line. Lein, Irvine & Co. make first-class cabin berths, portable cabin berths, immigrant berths, deck berths, transport bunks, etc., and also make hospital beds and cots of approved design. They make a specialty of berths and beds suited to hot climates. They equipped several of the army transports, as well as the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge and several of the torpedo boats, and are now at work on a large order for the equipment of the Pacific liners Korea and Siberia, building at the works of the Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Co.

One fare for the round trip to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo via the Nickel Plate road beginning June 1 and continuing the entire summer; good returning within ten days from date of sale. Write, wire, 'phone or call on nearest agent, or E. A. Akers, C. P. & T. A., Cleveland, Ohio.

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TRADE NOTES.

The Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co. has opened a New York office at No. 15 Cortlandt street, in charge of W. F. McGuire, where samples of their complete line of chipping, beading and caulking hammers, the Cleveland long-stroke riveting hammers, piston, rotary and breast drills can be seen.

An Astoria, Ore., dispatch says: It is learned that the Columbia Dry Dock Co., capitalized at \$1,000,000, is backed by the Simpson Dry Dock Co., New York. The New York company is said to have placed all the stock and will build and operate the dock. Several months ago Mr. Simpson visited Astoria with T. B. Hammond and at the time selected the location on which the plant will be erected.

A. Wells Case & Son, Highland Park, Conn., manufacturers of the Case outward thrust propeller wheel, report very favorable results from a large wheel which they made recently. They took off a 12½-ft. bronze wheel, which was replaced by a 12-ft. iron wheel of their make, and they are informed that the change has resulted in a reduction of vibration with a gain of 2 miles an hour in speed. They have just taken an order for two 8½-ft, wheels for a steam yacht.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Allis-Chalmers Co., held in New York last week, it was decided to invest \$1,250,000 in a new engine plant on the Atlantic coast. President W. J. Chalmers is reported to have made the following announcement: "I cannot say at present where the shops will be located, since negotiations for the proposed site have not been completed. They will be where shipping facilities are within easy access, however. It will be a great saving on freight rates in foreign shipments. We can also get our material from Pittsburg more easily. In Chicago we have been unable to secure protection even from the courts in time of labor troubles."

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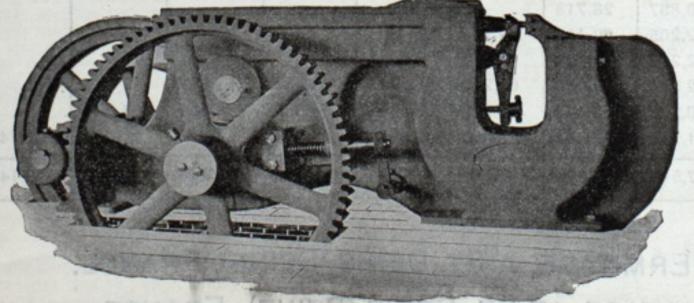
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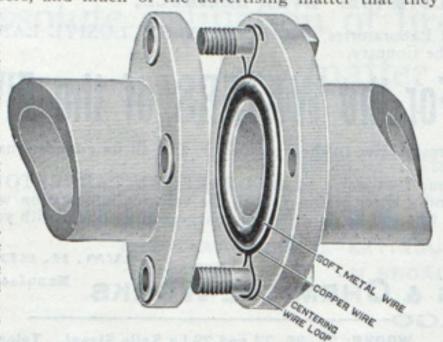
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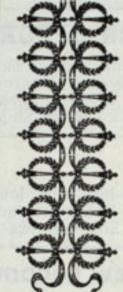
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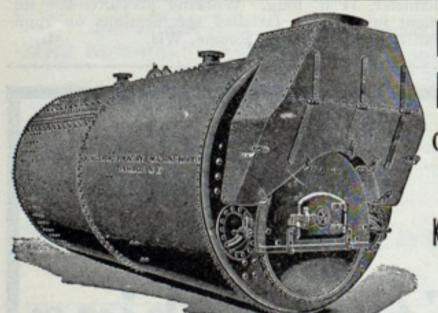


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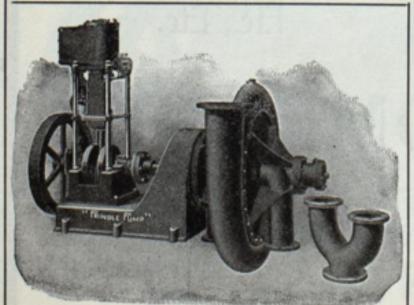
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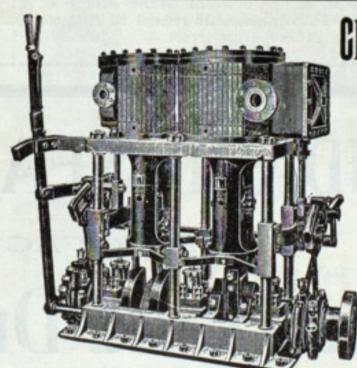


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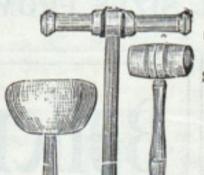


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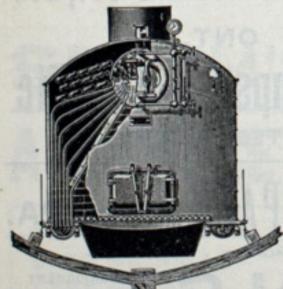
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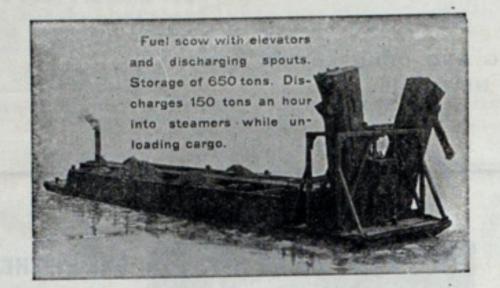
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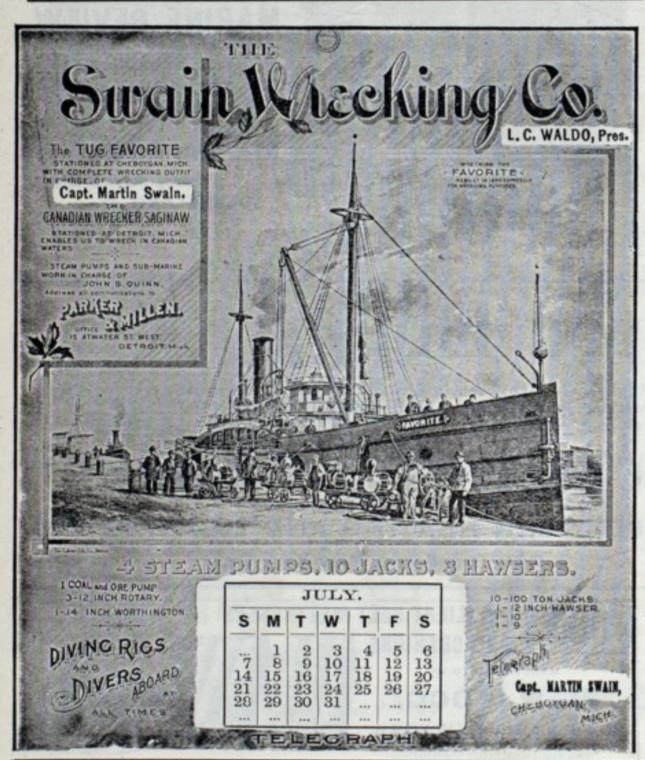
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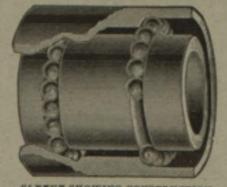
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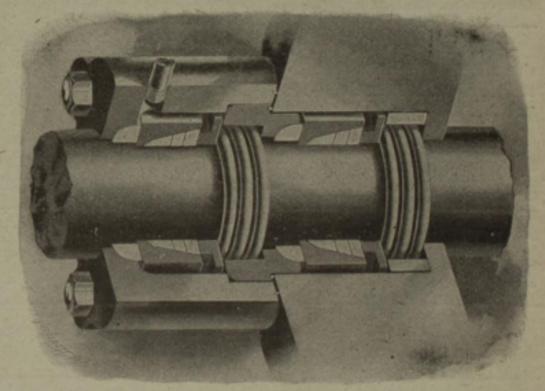
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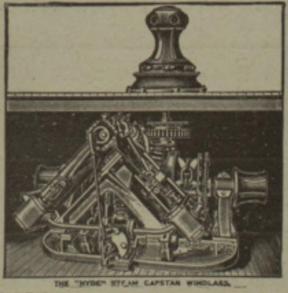


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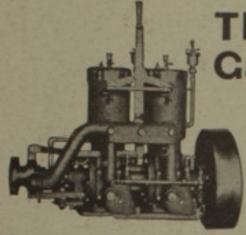
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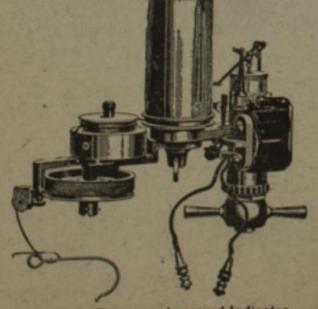
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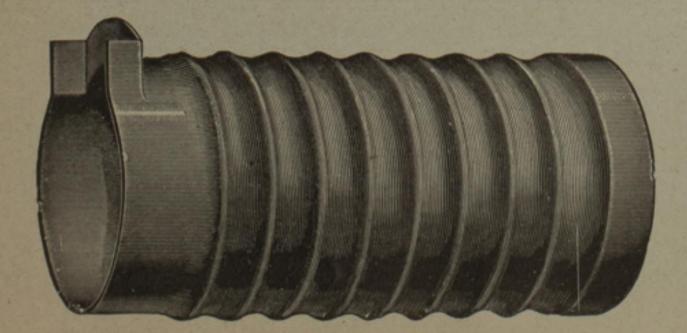
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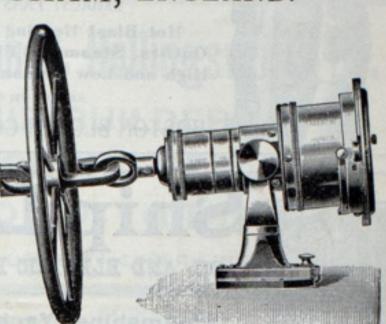
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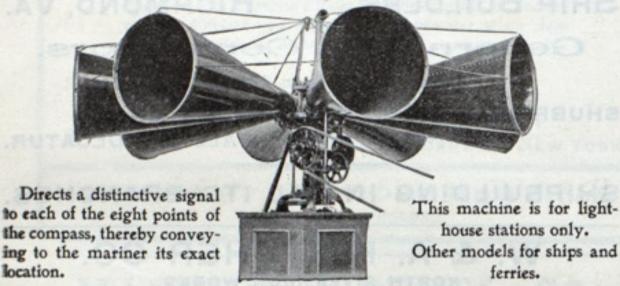
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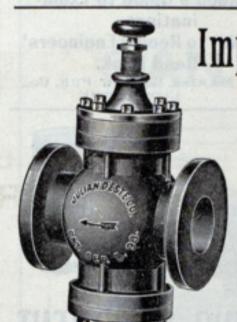
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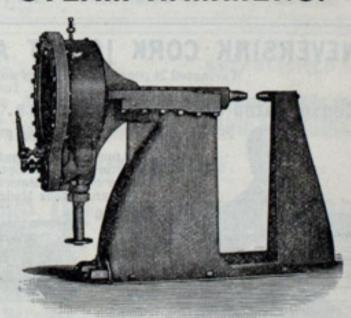
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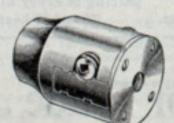


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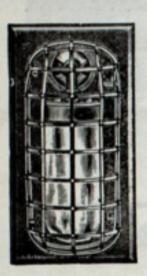
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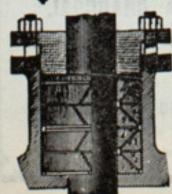
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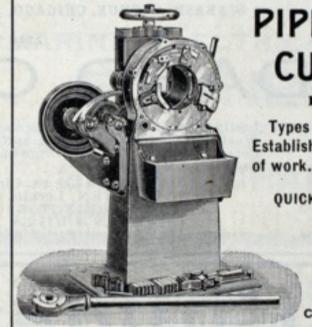
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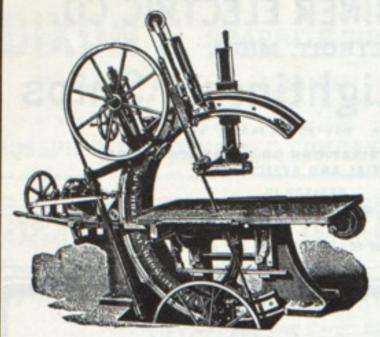
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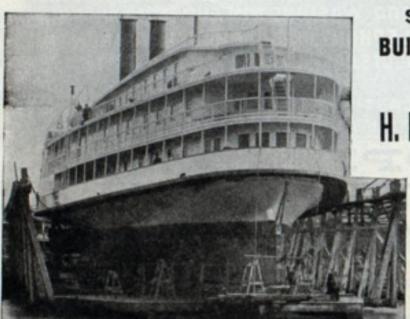
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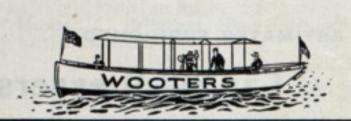
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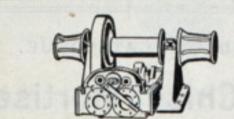
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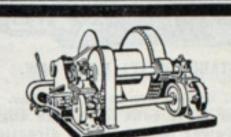
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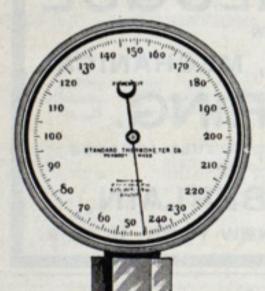
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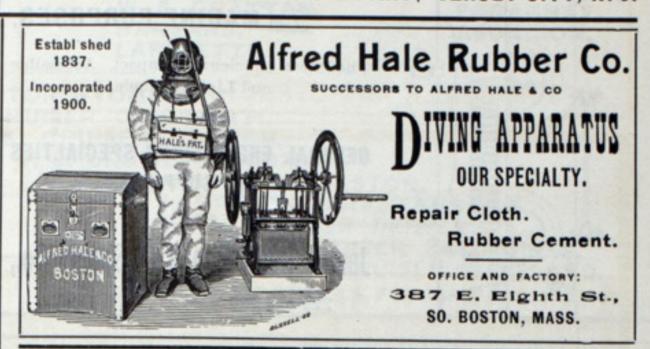




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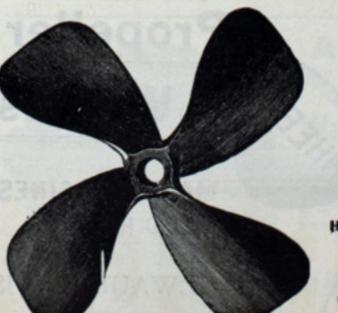
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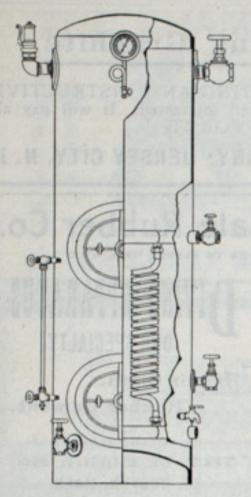
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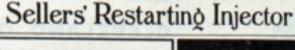
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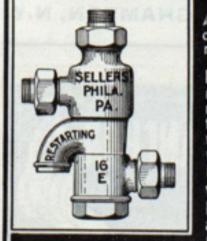
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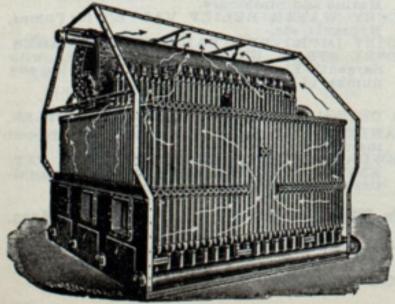
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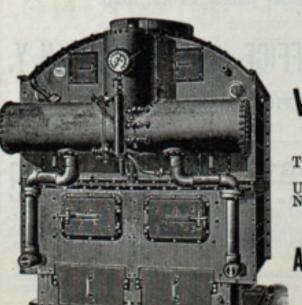
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